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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE CURRENT VOGUE

INTERNATIONAL POST-MORTEM

April 3: N. Ireland 1, Wales 4
,, 6: England 1, Scotland 2
,, 14: Brazil 2, Argentina 3
,, 16: Brazil 4, Argentina 1
,, 17: Netherlands 1, France 0
,, 21: Portugal 1, Brazil 0
,, 24: Belgium 5, Brazil 1
,, 24: Austria 3, Czechoslovakia 1
,, 28: France 2, Brazil 3
,, 28: Bulgaria 1, Czechoslovakia 0
,, 28: Netherlands 1, Brazil 0

That was the month that was . . .

England, without Walter,
Continued to falter:
First match in the Rocca,
Brazil played a shocker!
And lost—in Sao Paulo to Argentina.
Without Zito, they played Zequinha.

They did better in Rio,
Where Pelé got a trio,
And Brazil won—four-one!
When they came to Europe
They had another fall,
Losing in Lisbon by the only goal—
to Port-u-gal!

Belgium displaced three of Anderlecht—
And hit Brazil in the dust!
Austria gained revenge on the Czech—
Who were without Masopust!
Netherlands had a win over France—
That makes England's record look even more sick!
Pelé in Paris returned to entrance—
Winning the match with a masterly hat-trick!

INTERNATIONAL POST-MORTEM

Each month on these pages we go back over the major internationals played since the last issue. The particular games featured are indicated at the head of the article for quick reference.

by GORDON JEFFERY

AND that, no doubt, is more than enough evidence of the infectious nature of the BBC's TW3!

April has, thanks to the Brazilian visit to Europe, produced an interesting quota of International matches even though only two in the British Championship and two for the Rocca Cup have been of a competitive nature. The rest, and to some extent even the four I have excepted, have to be considered in their relationship to team building with the 1966 World Cup as a target. With the final stages of that competition being held in England I should be the last person I suppose to express concern about this, but it does seem that too much emphasis can be placed on the needs of the future rather than on the providing of the best fare at all times. If there was any certainty that the world's best team, or squad of players, would win the World Cup and, excused the need of qualifying anew for the following finals four years hence, could then exhibit their majesty until the next finals, the actual winning of the World Cup might carry greater significance.

Brazil were, of course, worthy winners in 1958 and in 1962—and between those two finals did enjoy four years of virtual supremacy. That happy circumstance has influenced our thinking. It was, however, a different story in 1954 when a fortnight in Switzerland gave West Germany the Jules Rimet Trophy and the nominal entitlement to be called the World Champions — but everyone knew, and every result before and after the actual World Cup matches endorsed this, that Hungary's was much the best team in the world at that period.

Most people, given some dexterity of mind, can support from whatever facts emerge, their own preconceived notions—and football by its very nature is one of the last things that anyone can be really objective about. So the fact that Brazil probably introduced more newcomers to International football between 1958 and 1962 than any other nation, and used less of their established players, can be advanced as an argument in favour of creating a vast pool of players equipped for the World Cup to come. Recently I have seen it suggested that England, for instance, will use their coming European tour and a possible South American tour next year to "blood" players on the fringe of national honours. Associates of this particular pre-World Cup device can, if they wish, cite the Brazilian example.

Opponents of it, on the other hand, can argue that despite the many players the Brazilians used for International matches *outside* of the World Cup itself, when it came to the real thing they went back to the players who had first won the Championship for them four years ago—and when Pelé was injured they brought in Amarildo who was inexperienced!

Together

Nor can this be advanced in favour of the second strongly supported plan for World Cup preparation—the one about keeping the same eleven together consistently. Brazil in the 1962 World Cup was virtually the same eleven as Brazil in the 1958 World Cup but the eleven had most definitely not been kept together for International matches during the four years! (There is not room in this particular feature to delve deeper into the Brazilian disposition of forces between 1958 and 1962 but it seems to be a theme that I, or my fellow statistically inclined colleague, Roger Macdonald, might explore sometime.)

My own view is that, quite simply, you cannot make silk purses out of sow's ears! The actual final stages of the World Cup do demand something more than the playing of football—players have got to be made to feel at ease in unfamiliar circumstances; the right moment to rest players, to change tactics perhaps, has got to be recognised, and so on—and the best team might not always win, but all the on-the-spot tactics in the world, and all the best of preparation over four, eight or more years will not produce the ultimate winner if the particular country lacks its quota of world-class players.

And what worries me is that, as I have written, too much emphasis on the needs of the future will too greatly diminish the appeal of non-World Cup fixtures. As it happens at least two of the matches under review, even excluding those in which Brazil were playing, do not suggest that the fans are losing interest. There was the usual full-house at Wembley for the visit of Scotland—and three times the number of tickets could have been sold had there been any stadium to take three hundred thousand spectators; and nearly eighty thousand fans turned up at the Wiener Stadium in Vienna to see the match against the Czechs despite the fact that the visitors were without some of their World Cup "stars".

Two years ago when the Scots last came to Wembley they were thrashed by the record score of nine goals to three: the Scottish banners were lowered, the tartan berets drooped and if the whisky bottles were emptied it was only

South Korean captain Lee Seung Aun (left) and Burmese skipper Kyaw Thaung hold the Rahman Gold Cup after the drawn Asian Cup game in Penang. Each team will hold the trophy for six months. (Planet.)

CLASSIFIED RESULTS OF INTERNATIONAL GAMES

● **From last month**

April 3

Northern Ireland (1) 1 (Harvey)
Wales (2) 4 (Jones 3, Woosnam)

Ireland: Irvine (R.); Magill, Elder; Harvey, Campbell, Neill; Humphries, Crossan, Irvine (W.), McIlroy, McLaughlin.

Wales: Hollins; Hopkins, Williams (G.); Burton, England, Hole; Jones (B.), Woosnam, Moore, Allchurch, Jones (C.).

April 6

England (0) 1 (Douglas)
Scotland (2) 2 (Baxter 2, 1 pen.)

England: Banks; Armfield, Byrne; Moore, Norman, Flowers; Douglas, Greaves, Smith, Melia, Charlton.

Scotland: Brown; Hamilton, Caldow; Mackay, Ure, Baxter; Henderson, White, Millar, Law, Wilson.

April 14

Brazil (0) 2 (Pepe 2)
Argentina (1) 3 (Lallana, Savoy, Juarez)

Brazil: Gylmar; Djalma Santos, Altair; Zequinha, Mauro, Dari; Dorval, Mengalvio, Coutinho, Pele, Pepe.

Argentina: Andrada; Martin, Inigio; Clelimky, Navarro, Vazquez; Juarez, Fernandez, Lorenzo, Savoy, Lallana.

April 16

Brazil (1) 4 (Pele 3, 1 pen, Amarildo)
Argentina (1) 1 (Fernandez)

Brazil: Gylmar; Djalma Santos, Altair; Zito (Zequinha), Mauro, Claudio; Dorval, Mengalvio (Gerson), Amarildo, Pele, Pepe.

Argentina: Andrada; Martin, Inigo (Decaria); Cielinski, Navarro, Vasquez; Juarez, Fernandez, San Lorenzo (Menotti), Savoy, Lallana (Rodriguez).

April 17

Holland (0) 1 (Groot)
France (0) 0

Holland: Pieters Graafland; Haak, Ouderland; Van Wissen, Pronk, Klaassens; Swart, Groot, Kruiver, Bennaars, Moulijn.

France: Bernard; Wendling, Rodzik; Maryan, Lerond, Herbin; Wisnieski, Bonnel, Cossou, Douis, Chillan.

April 21

Portugal (0) 1 (Augusto)
Brazil (0) 0

Portugal: Costa Pereira; Festa, Vincente; Cruz, Raul, Mendes; Hernani (Rocha), Coluna, Augusto, Eusebio, Yauca.

Brazil: Gylmar; Djalma Santos, Claudio; Altair, Mauro, Zito; Gerson, Dorval (Marcos), Amarildo (Quarentinha), Pele, Pepe (Zagalo).

April 24

Belgium (4) 5 (Stockmann 3, Van Hinst, Altair o.g.)
Brazil (1) 1 (Quarentinha)

Belgium: Nicolay; Villiers, Raskin; Hanon, Verbiest, Lippens; Semmeling, Van Hinst, Stockmann, Van Den Berg, Puis.

Brazil: Gylmar; Djalma Santos Claudio; Zito, Mauro, Altair; Dorval, Mengalvio, Quarentinha, Amarildo, Zagalo.

Austria (0) 3 (Nemec 3)
Czechoslovakia (0) 1 (Masek)

Austria: Fraydl; Kolarik, Hasenkopf; Gager, Glechner, Koller; Linhart, Hof, Nemec, Fiala, Flogel.

Czechoslovakia: Kouba; Lala, Novak; Vojta, Tichy, Bubernik; Stribany, Scherer, Kvasnak, Lichtnegl, Masek.

April 28

France (0) 2 (Wisnieski, Di Nallo)
Brazil (1) 3 (Pele 3, 1 pen.)

France: Carnus; Rodzik, Chorda; Maryan, Lerond, Herbin; Wisnieski, Bonnel, Douis, Di Nallo, Cossou (Chillan).

Brazil: Gylmar; Djalma Santos, Altair; Zito, Eduardo, Dias; Marcos, Gerson, Ney, Pele, Pepe.

Bulgaria (1) 1 (Yakimov)
Czechoslovakia (0) 0

Bulgaria: Naidenov; Methodiev, Voutsov; Jetchev, Kitov, Velitchkov; Sokolov, Abadjiev, Asparoukhov, Yakimov, Kolev.

Czechoslovakia: Kouba; Lala, Novak; Bubernik, Tichy, Masopust; Pospichal, Scherer, Lilienthal, Kvasniak, Stibrany.

Holland (0) 1 (Petersen)
Brazil (0) 0

Holland: Graafland; Haak (Veldhoen), Ouderland; Muller, Pronk, Klaassens; Bergholtz, Groot (H.), Van der Linden, Bennaars, Petersen.

Brazil: Gylmar; Lima, Rildo; Zequinha, Eduardo, Dias; Marcos, Gerson, Ney (Amarildo), Pele (Mengalvio), Pepe.

to cheat despair. One sensed the difference this year before the match began. The Scots, who seemed to out-number the English in the crowd—and possibly nearly did, since forty thousand of them crossed the border and an unknown number of "exiles" gathered their tickets from English sources!—believed in their players. The English, after the defeat in Paris late in February, had their doubts. . . .

England made five changes in personnel compared with the team defeated in Paris. Ron Springett had not been forgiven his unhappy evening at Colombes—and, that apart, Gordon Banks had been playing well enough to be given a chance. (Again two contrary views on national team selection are illustrated here—should a player, once established in the national team, retain his place until he fails on national duty? Or, even if the player in post is adequate, should he be displaced by a player who seems better on current club form?) Banks was a newcomer to full International football. So, too, were Gerry Byrne of Liverpool and his club-mate Jimmy Melia who were brought in at left-back and inside-left to displace Ron Henry and the unlucky Bobby Tambling.

Except

The other changes brought back Maurice Norman and Bryan Douglas and the general effect was that, except for Springett and the injured Ramon Wilson and Johnny Haynes, England were back with their Chilean World Cup team. The widely-held preconceived opinion about this line-up was that England were lacking a constructive wing-half—and the result (England's first defeat at Wembley in this game since 1951) could be taken to confirm that view. On the other hand it is difficult to see what wing-half in the world, however constructive, could have avoided playing a defensive part in a team so lacking in striking force, and so exposed to the attacking force of wee Willie Henderson, as was England's!

Bryan Douglas and Jimmy Melia did an adequate job of fetching and carrying and, thanks partly to the fact that the Scots were a man less than England for most of the match, there were enough chances made for England to have won the game, and the Championship, but Jimmy Greaves seemed mesmerised by the fact that his Tottenham club-mate Bill Brown was playing against and not with him, and Bobby Charlton, on the one time when his wanderings were needed, remained for long periods a lonely figure on the touchline.

Not that an England victory would have been deserved. The Scots were magnificent—overcoming the disadvantage of having Caldow off the field injured for almost all the match by the simple device of holding the ball on the verge of an attack until one of the nominal defenders had appeared to make up the forward deficiency. That meant every player covered a lot of the lush, leg-tiring Wembley turf but clearly every player was prepared

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Some top six clubs from European First Divisions

YUGOSLAVIA

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Velez	22	24
Stern	22	24

SWITZERLAND

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Lausanne	21	32
Young Boys	21	25
Servette	21	23
Chaux.	20	22
Basle	22	21

AUSTRIA

Austria	18	27
Admira	19	26
Rapid	19	25
Sportclub	19	24
Linz	19	21
ASK	19	21

ITALY

Inter, Milan	32	47
Juventus	32	42
Milan	32	41
Bologna	32	41
Roma	32	38
Florence	32	35

HOLLAND

Sparta	22	32
Utrecht	22	29
Enschede	22	28
Phillips	22	28
Ajax	22	27
Feyenoord	22	26

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Dukla	20	29
Ostrau	20	29
Jednota	20	24
Slovnaft	20	23
Slovan	20	20
Frestchov	20	18

GREECE

Panathinaikos	25	65
AEK	25	65
Olympiakos	25	62
POAK	25	56
Panniocos	25	55
Iraklis	25	52

BELGIUM

Standard	22	32
Anderlecht	22	28
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FC Bruges	22	26
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La Gantoise	22	23

PORTUGAL

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Porto	24	40
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Leixoes	24	26
Guimar	24	25

RUSSIA

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Dynamo Moscow	6	9
Soviet Army	6	9
Sparta Moscow	6	8
Torpedo	6	8
Bakou	6	8

HUNGARY

Ferencvaros	19	24
MTK	19	23
Ujpest	19	23
Honved	19	23
Dorog	19	22
Szeged	19	20

ENGLAND

Everton	41	59
Tottenham	39	54
Leicester	39	52
Wolves	40	48
Burnley	40	50
Sheffield Wed.	40	46

SCOTLAND

Rangers	27	47
Kilmarnock	32	44
Partick	32	44
Celtic	31	40
Aberdeen	32	40
Hearts	30	38

Italy won their European Nations Cup games with Turkey convincingly. In the second leg in Istanbul they recorded a 1-0 success. (Keystone 2.)

INTERNATIONAL POST-MORTEM

● *Continued from page 5*

to keep on until exhaustion in Scotland's cause. It was impossible for even the most southerly of Sassenachs not to salute them. Henderson is clearly a very great winger in the making; Ure, despite suffering apparently from some defective vision in the second half, did enough to endorse the opinion of those who believe him to be likely to become the world's number one centre-half (and not, incidentally, a centre-back!), Mackay I have always felt to be much involved in the 9-3 debacle of 1961 but in 1963 he more than compensated.

Scotland's victory gave them the British Championship, just as Wales' victory over Northern Ireland gave the wooden spoon to the latter. A Cliff Jones hat-trick was the feature of this match but there was never three goals between the two countries in overall performances; yet whilst Northern Ireland continue with the outlook that puts an untried Burnley reserve player ahead of such as Derek Dougan in their national team one cannot really expect them to prosper.

Brazil's tour of Europe (and Africa) is scarcely at the halfway stage as I write. It will, I hope, get plenty of detailed treatment in later issues of WORLD SOCCER. At the moment—and I have broken off writing this piece to see the televised match in Hamburg against West Germany — they have lost to Portugal, Belgium and the Netherlands, and beaten France and West Germany. All of which seems more or less to plan!

Brazil on this tour are not primarily concerned with the results except that they would like to leave no doubt when they play against the bigger soccer countries that they are the masters today. They would prefer in other words, if their victories are limited, to reserve them for France, West Germany, Italy and England. Certainly against West Germany they succeeded, for all the narrowness of the winning margin, in exposing West Germany as what is pleasantly termed "strong fighters". The football belonged to Brazil.

Introduced

Before the tour, Brazil played Argentina in the Rocca Cup—normally a two-match affair. Partly with the European tour in mind Brazil re-introduced some of their occasional pre-Chile international players—Altair for Nilton Santos; Zequinha for Zito for instance, and fielded the Santos forward line of Dorval, Mengalvio, Coutinho, Pelé and Pepe. Argentina in their team included eight of the players who had taken part a fortnight before in the South American Championship—a fact to set against their claim that they sent only their "B" team to La Paz and Cochabamba. Both of the successful left-wing pair, Savoy and Lallana, in the South American championship scored for Argentina in the first leg match—outside-right Juarez got their third goal. Pepe scored both of Brazil's goals.

Brazil pulled up their socks for the second match and, with Amarildo and Zito back in their team, won it by four goals to one —Enrique Fernandez, another player introduced in the matches in Bolivia, got Argentina's goal, and Amarildo and Pelé three scored by Brazil. The rules of the Rocca Cup, both countries having won a match, decreed that a third match should be played. With the plane for Europe almost taxi-ing along the runway, it was agreed to play another thirty minutes—technically this was a third match and not extra time but it would seem unrealistic to record it was such. (Small wonder one has difficulty in totting up international appearances!) In any case the thirty minute match resulted in a draw—Savoy scoring for Argentina and Amarildo for Brazil; and the Rocca Cup was awarded to Brazil on the basis of their aggregate score of seven goals to Argentina's five.

The matches had served, however, to determine the bulk of Brazil's touring party with two players, however, coming in from their "C" team squad who played in the South American Championship. As I mention in the South American Commentary elsewhere in this issue, these players came mainly from the successful Minas Gerais State team (Pelé hails from that region I believe which ought to inspire the kids there) plus a few players from other "minor" states. Amongst the latter was the wing-half (defensive in the Zozimo manner) Claudio of Porto Alegre. He was closely scrutinised in Bolivia and passed the test to earn a place on the tour. And so, too, a very late choice, did the 'keeper Marcial, brought in when Manga was left behind on, I understand, "disciplinary grounds".

At the moment Marcial has not been given the chance to show his prowess — I would guess that chance may come against Egypt or Israel. Claudio, however, came into the full side immediately against both Portugal and Belgium. The latter, incidentally, sprang something of a surprise by dropping three of their team against Yugoslavia—both full-backs, Heylens and Cornelis, and (a major surprise) Jurion of the forwards. The replacements were Joseph Vliers of Standard at right-back, Guillaime Raskin of Beerschot at left-back and Standard's Leon Semmeling at outside-right. Belgium's hero against Brazil was their centre-forward, Stockmann, and—such is soccer fame and glory, around the same time the Belgian Disciplinary Committee was handing out to him a three-match suspension after a spot of bother in a Belgian League match!

Preening

And whilst Portugal, Belgium and, in May, the Netherlands have been preening themselves over wins over the world champions, the World Cup runners-up, Czechoslovakia, have also been continuing in rough water. After losing to East Germany in the European Nations Cup, by only drawing at home at the end of March, they visited Vienna and were beaten three-one. The Dukla Prague 'keeper, Kouba, was given his chance in the Czech goal but the most noticeable thing about their line-up was the entire absence of that famous middle-line of Pluskal, Popluhar and Masopust. Against the Austrians, Tichy was at centre-back and Vojta and the ice-hockey international Bubernik the wing-halves. Before accepting that as an alibi for defeat, however, I must mention that Masopust was back for the match four days later against Bulgaria—and again Czechoslovakia were beaten. Football is still a funny game—something for which we can all be grateful!

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REAL MADRID ON THEIR WAY BACK?

Club Focus . . . . **by BERNARD MOSER**

ONLY a few months have passed since Real Madrid, five times champions of Europe were hustled out of the Coppa Europa by RSC Anderlecht, and that reverse coming so close behind the 5-3 defeat Benfica handed out when the Spaniards' defence fell apart in the second half of the 1962 Final, forced many critics to the conclusion that the "Grand Real" were over the hill. "Finished" was the general view, and one that I personally shared for with the backbone of the team Di Stefano, Puskas and Santamaria totalling more than a 100 years between them these defeats could not be written off as the temporary loss of form that comes at some time to all the great sides.

Abandoning their customary caution Real sold their best young forward inside-right Luis Del Sol to Juventus (apparently under the impression that Santos were about to release Pelé), and when the Brazilian star failed to come under the hammer, they appeared to be finished.

Appeared, may well be the right word, for barely six months later, and in spite of a bad start to the league campaign, Real have raced to their third successive championship success, which has never been done before in Spain; won all their fifteen home matches, and dropped only eleven points from a possible total of sixty.

A clear twelve points away come Atletico Madrid, apparently happy enough to be second while giving their main attention to the European Cup Winners Cup, and CF Barcelona, the ancient Real enemy, nowhere in sight. Ferenc Puskas, thirty-six in April, and noticeably slower at the start of the season, is once more Spain's top marksman with twenty-six goals, while Amancio fourteen, Felix Ruiz thirteen and Di Stefano twelve all finished among the top nine in the goal-scorers' list—and all this has been achieved in spite of the injury to Alfredo Di Stefano that has kept the maestro out of action for more than half the league matches!

Though no longer the automatic favourites for next season's European Cup, they keep their ever-present record intact, and according to coach Miguel Munoz "are going to make a determined bid to regain their champions of champions crown". Di Stefano and Puskas, said to be retiring not so long ago and rumoured to be taking over at Chamartin as Technical Director and Coach respectively, have already re-signed for next season, and now everyone is asking "Can they really make a come-back?"

Personally, I rather doubt it unless they mean to acquire reinforcements during the next few weeks, for the main reason behind Real's championship success is to be found in the fact that the playing standards in Spain's First Division have plummeted sharply downwards in the last twelve months. Indirectly this can also be attributed to Real Madrid, for the other top clubs are all paying for their futile attempts to live up to the standards set at Chamartin. Zaragoza's La Romareda, Barcelona's Nou Camp, and Atletico Madrid's Estadio Manzanares were all built on credit, purely to satisfy their directors' vanities, and when the construction bills had to be paid, all three clubs had to discard their top stars to raise the necessary cash. Suarez, Seminario and Peiro all went to Italian clubs for around £200,000 apiece and their former colleagues who depended on them to a very great extent were all left floundering.

In this new climate, most of the big guns were greatly handicapped, while the traditional champions Atletico Bilbao, who have yet to buy their first player, suddenly found that the hitherto endless supply of talent raised locally, had all but dried up, and they escaped relegation by only four points. Meanwhile two small provincial clubs Real Oviedo and Valladolid took advantage of the new situation and at least in the opening half of the campaign were close on Real's heels. Both clubs have recent Division II experience, and could not produce even one really outstanding player between them. Finishing third and fourth behind the two Madrid clubs, they owe their success almost entirely to team-work and the folly of their once-rich rivals, but against this background it is surely not surprising that Real Madrid, who have suffered but to a considerably smaller degree than the other top clubs, from the "revolution", should walk away with the championship?

This, however, presents only one side of the picture, for though the problems of their major rivals certainly eased Real's path, the club made a definite and determined bid to re-establish themselves and to some degree at least they have succeeded. Once out of the European Cup they refrained completely from accepting invitations to play friendlies abroad, that in the past have brought in approximately £100,000 per season. Realising that unless they came back quickly their prestige would droop, they gave everything they had to the League, and between matches devoted themselves to the complete integration of the new players they signed last summer.

The present line-up shows several changes from the team beaten by Benfica in Amsterdam. In goal, Araquistain, who was caned for three twenty-five yard goals that fell to the Portuguese that day has ceded his place to Jose Vicente, the former Espanol star, and at full-back Isidro has replaced Miera. The cornerstone of the defence is still Santamaria, playing better now than ever before and Real owe him a greater debt than can be calculated. On his left is Enrique Perez, better known as Pachin, playing a strictly defensive game, doubling up for Santamaria when

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Di Stefano receives the Spanish League trophy from the President of the Spanish National Football Federation Sr. Pico on the occasion of Real Madrid's victory in the 1962-63 League championship. (Planet.)

Real Madrid on their way back?

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necessary, and on occasion dropping back to full-back, and letting in Zoco.

On the other flank is Lucien Muller, now one of the key men in the Real side, bought at a bargain £40,000 from Reims last summer. Usually regarded as an inside-right in France, Muller flogs himself unmercifully, and particularly when Di Stefano is absent provides the essential mid-field link between defence and attack.

On the left wing is Francisco Gento, now Real's longest serving player, and still only twenty-nine. Sharper now than he was last season, when he appeared to lose the edge from his speed, and shooting more often now, he has had one of his best seasons, and the rumours of his impending transfer to Italy have now been effectively halted. His partner Ferenc Puskas, astute as ever, continues to prod the well measured pass down the side line for Gento to chase, and though more than ever inclined to tubbiness, his impeccable positioning and superb left foot have enabled him to retain his top scorer's crown.

It is on the right flank that the most spectacular progress has been made with Amancio Amaro, the young close season buy from newly promoted Corunna promising to match the development of the now departed Del Sol. On the wing, and at inside-right, Amancio looks to have everything, but it is his partner Felix Ruiz who has come on the most.

Bought from Osasuna, more than two years ago, Ruiz was described as big and formidable when first introduced to the senior side, but had little by way of ability to commend him. When I saw him against Vasas in Budapest he looked hopelessly out of his depth, chasing without wit and hammering the ball without skill, yet now the aficionados regard him as a regular. He works, he uses the ball and he gets goals!

Madrid's only doubt in attack is at centre-forward for Di Stefano has made only thirteen league appearances this season, and neither of his understudies has settled in as was hoped. Evaristo, persuaded back from Brazil, where he had gone after Barcelona had released him following his refusal to become a "Spaniard" is earning a small fortune but has seldom appeared in the first team. He's probably too much an individualist to settle down permanently in the planned game Real try to play, and the chances of Yanko Daucik taking over seem far brighter. Daucik, son of the former Czech international wing-half, and nephew of Ladislav Kubala, has neat control considering his bulk, but though intelligent and a scorer, too, he'll never be the do everything, grafter cum scorer that Di Stefano has been, and that after all is what Real still need most.

Chasing

For Madrid to overcome Benfica or Inter, does not now seem as impossible as it would have appeared eight months ago, for in the defensive vogue that now dominates the entire European game, they look capable of defending with the best and in attack they are still capable of moments of sheer brilliance. These flashes only come momentarily now, however, for the magic has gone, perhaps for ever. The inclusion of one new star—a Pelé (unlikely now), a Garrincha (possible) could lift them up again, but unless they do acquire a new "dynamo" their chances of regaining the Copa Europa seem slight.

Their programme for 1963-64 opens with a ten match tour of South America and includes an August date with Benfica, AC Milan and Vasco da Gama in the "Little World Cup" due to be staged then in Caracas. If Di Stefano and Puskas are in "killing" mood then; if they make one or two big signings during the summer, or perhaps even another new star from the ranks of their South American opponents. I may be proved wrong, but despite their apparent Spanish triumph, I feel that Real 63 is just a myth —a mere shadow of their 1960 team.

VALLETTA FOR EUROPEAN CUP

by ARTHUR J. LEAVER

BY virtue of their winning the Malta Senior League Championships, Valletta F.C. have now entered the European Cup Champions Competition which will be held next year.

Valletta's participation is of special interest to local football fans because it was due to the initiative of this club that Malta applied for and became eligible for this and the other European Cup competition. Previously Hibernians and Floriana had taken part in this competition.

Though the league championships are over this does not mean that football has come to a standstill here. On the contrary there are still to be played the important Cassar Cup and F.A. Trophy. The winners of the latter competition become automatically eligible to compete in the European Cup of Cup competitions.

In preparation for the Mediterranean Games to be played in Naples in September, an Amateur side has been formed and a number of players have been drafted in to a possible Malta side.

A meeting of representatives from Italy, Cyprus, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Portugal, Holland, Austria, Germany, Spain, Belgium and Malta was held recently in Florence, Italy.

Amongst the points discussed was the Federation of a Mediterranean Cup; exchange of referees; aid to National Association; taxation on transfer in favour of the National Association, etc.

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More and more countries are accepting the European Nations Cup

A Rival for the World Cup Trophy

story of the second series by ERIC BATTY

THE Nations Cup has yet to make a permanent place for itself in the international calendar for, fine idea though it is, several countries notably West Germany and Scotland still decline to enter even though the usually conservative English elected to break with precedent and take the plunge. There is a move afoot within UEFA to link the Nations Cup with the World Cup — using the continental competition as the qualifying stage for the World series, but though well supported it seems likely to be rejected.

Though not universally accepted the current series did manage to persuade little Albania into open competition after hiding their unknown talents away for several years, and clearly it is now close to commanding the respect of all.

Albania's passage into the second round was easier than expected for their opponents Greece elected to bow out rather than meet their neighbours for the old bogey, political reasons. While the present situation exists there is a case for shielding the problem countries for we have seen repeatedly that the East Germany–Nato, Israel v. Arab, and similar problems will make a mockery of UEFA's efforts to promote goodwill but if the organisers do consider arranging suitable opponents for the problem countries they would also be well advised to "seed" the stronger sides while they are about it.

The present series has an unbalanced almost ridiculous appearance for while Czechoslovakia, England and Switzerland were all eliminated after reaching the final stages of the World Cup, Luxembourg and Austria drew byes; and several weak countries were paired together, for example, Denmark v. Malta, Eire v. Iceland, and Albania v. Greece. If F.I.F.A. followed the same open rules in drawing up the qualifying rounds for the World Cup we could find England, West Germany and Hungary brought together fighting for one place in the last sixteen; Yugoslavia, Italy and Spain, wrestling for another, while Luxembourg, Iceland and Albania clashing in yet another group, could earn a final place that their strength simply does not justify. It's too stupid for words, and it is to be hoped that for the next series the authorities will use a little intelligence, and seed the old established countries.

England and the Czechs have only themselves to blame for their elimination for neither of their opponents could honestly be classified as outstanding, and was their own failure rather than any brilliance from their opponents that led to their downfall.

The Czechs have been out of touch for months — almost since their victorious return from Chile, and have flopped badly several times. Poland, who looked ragged when they met Czechoslovakia in Bratislava, held them to 1-2; East Germany won 2-1 in Berlin and got away with a draw 1-1 in Prague that they never deserved, but squeezed in between was a scintillating 6-0 win over Austria in Vienna! It's completely inexplicable to most people though Rudolf Vytlacil, the Czech team chief, is doing his best to explain it away, while under a hail of criticism.

In the second leg at the Strahov Stadium in Prague, Vytlacil fielded a new goalkeeper, Mkrohajsky (Banik Ostrava) in place of the veteran Schroif, but apart from the left wing where Masek has replaced Jelinek since Chile, the only real change is at centre-forward, where Kucera would have figured in the World Cup had he not been forced to miss the series to undergo a knee operation. The Czechs should have won the second leg, but missed several easy chances, and though they struck the framework of the German goal three times, a late goal by centre-forward Peter Ducke put them out.

East Germany's Hungarian coach, Karoly Soos, was naturally delighted, though he must be under no illusions about meeting his fellow countrymen in the next round. Against the Czechs he reasoned that the key men were Kvasnak and Masopust, the mid-field links in the Czech 4-2-4 system, and planned to stifle them. After the game he admitted that his team were probably not pretty to watch but, he said, it's the result that counts.

Heights

The Hungarians were good value for their passage into round two at Wales' expense. The 3-1 win at the Nepstadion in the autumn was the best performance Lajos Baroti has got from his men in many a month, and the winning margin could and should have been greater. The return at Ninian Park, Cardiff, was a dour and at times bright struggle, which never reached any great heights simply because the Hungarians were content to keep the game closed up and hold their advantage. Both the goals came from penalties, the Welsh kick being a doubtful award and the Hungarians' completely unnecessary, but it sums up the game.

On the credit side for Hungary, the performance of Szentmihaly making his début in goal was very pleasing and clearly they have no more worries about finding a substitute for Gyula Grosics. Their young but experienced team should do well, and certainly account for East Germany as they did in the World Cup.

After making use of their South American imports for at least ten years, the Italians have apparently decided that star players don't necessarily produce their best form

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Lajos Baroti relaxes at the chess-board doubtless plotting some strategy that he can use on the soccer field with Hungary. (Metelmann.)

NUCLEUS FROM CLUB TEAMS

Country	No. of Clubs	No. of Players	Principal Club(s)
Argentina	6	19	River Plate (6), Boca Jun. (4), San Lorenzo (4)
Brazil	4	12	Botafogo (5), Santos (4)
Bulgaria	7	17	C.N.D.A. (5), Levski (5)
Chile	7	17	Univ. de Chile (6), Colo Colo (3)
Colombia	9	15	Santa Fe (3), America (3)
Czechoslovakia	8	15	Dukla Prague (5)
England	11	12	—
West Germany	10	14	Shalke (3), Cologne (3)
Hungary	6	15	Ferencvaros (4), Ujpest (3)
Italy	10	20	A.C. Milan (6), Bologna (4)
Mexico	7	13	Guadalajara (6)
Spain	6	20	Barcelona (6), Real Madrid (6), Atl. Madrid (4)
Switzerland ...	8	14	Lausanne (4)
Uruguay	6	14	Nacional (7), Penarol (5)
U.S.S.R.	7	15	Torpedo (4)
Yugoslavia ...	7	16	Red Star (4), Partizan (4), Dynamo Zagreb (3)
Total ...	119	248	

Roger Macdonald researches

ONE statement from that excellent book, "World Cup '62", caught my eye recently. It concerns the morale of the England party compared to that of others at Vina del Mar, Arica and Santiago.

"In all those centres," writes Stratton Smith, *"with all these teams, one found a relaxed air of maturity and freedom which seemed far more real than the inhibitions and air of keen discipline, so difficult to put one's finger on but nonetheless felt, which the England team carried around with them.*

"The ethos of the England 'thing' is wrong, by now that is surely made clear. When one travels with most club teams, even to great international events, one does not have the same feeling about it. The players remain themselves as you know them, they do not assume a temporary personality to suit the situation, and thus become 'dissociated' people with a grumble always ready."

Perhaps England lacks "environmental awareness" (what does this mean?) both on and off the field. Perhaps the answer is much simpler. For of all the teams which went to Chile only England failed to establish even the smallest nucleus from a club side. Their twelve players came from no less than eleven different clubs. Even West Germany, likewise noted for their democratic League, used three players from Shalke and the same number from Cologne. Colombia, with three Santa Fe men and another trio from America, trained her players solidly for two months (and here I quote) "to establish a club spirit".

Win, lose or draw, the pattern is unshakeable. Argentina had six men from River Plate, and four each from Boca Juniors and San Lorenzo; Brazil used five Botafogo players and four from the Santos club; Bulgaria's seventeen included five each from C.N.D.A. and Levski Sofia; Chile selected six footballers from the State University side; five Dukla players represented Czechoslovakia. There are no exceptions. Hungary included four men from Ferencvaros; Italy six from Milan and four from Bologna; Yugoslavia four from Red Star and another four from Partizan. East (U.S.S.R. — Torpedo four), West (Spain — Barcelona & Real Madrid six apiece), North (Mexico — Guadalajara six), or South (Uruguay — Nacional seven, Penarol six) — the trend towards a club nucleus is plain to see. Even little Switzerland included four players from Lausanne and has been basing her national side on this club ever since. Of course all these players did not appear in their country's team at the same time — but the nucleus of a club, and hence of a club spirit, was present in their party. A high club morale is surely the first step towards a high national morale.

The cynics will point out that such a sweeping generalisation loses its significance because it includes successes and failures indiscriminately. But then club spirit is not enough — it is necessary to establish a pattern of club co-ordination at the same time. This entails a restricted number of changes from a restricted number of clubs; Spain and Italy, to take an extreme example, fell down on an incredible number of team changes — the surest way to destroy team spirit.

The four successful countries all included a club nucleus in their teams. Yugoslavia's usual eleven was Soskić (Partizan Belgrade); Durković (Red Star Belgrade), Jusufi (Partizan Belgrade); Radaković (F.C. Rijeka), Marković (Dynamo Zagreb), Popović (Red Star Belgrade); Kovecević (Partizan Belgrade), Sekularać (Red Star Belgrade), Jerković (Dynamo Zagreb), Galić (Partizan Belgrade) and Skoblar (OFK Belgrade) — four from Partizan, three from Red Star, and eight from the same city. Chile fielded Escuti (Colo Colo); Eyzaguirre (Chile University), Navarro (Chile University); Contreras (Chile University), R. Sanchez (Valparaiso Wanderers), Rojas (Everton); Ramirez (Chile University), Toro (Colo Colo), Landa (Union Espanola), Tobar (Catholic University) and L. Sanchez (Chile University) — five men from one club.

Czechoslovakia had a similar nucleus in their usual team of Schroif (Slovan Bratislava); Lala (Dynamo Prague), Novak (Dukla Prague); Pluskal (Dukla Prague), Popluhar (Slovan Bratislava), Masopust (Dukla Prague); Pospichal (Banik Ostrava), Scherer (Red Star Bratislava), Kvasnak (Spartak Prague), Adamec (Dukla Prague) and Jelinek (Dukla Prague) — five Dukla footballers and seven from Prague in all. Brazil fielded four players from both Botafogo (Nilton Santos, Garrincha, Didi and Zagallo) and Santos (Gilmar, Zito, Mauro and Pelé) until Pelé was injured; whereupon Amarildo, another Botafogo forward, took his place.

If any further emphasis is needed then a

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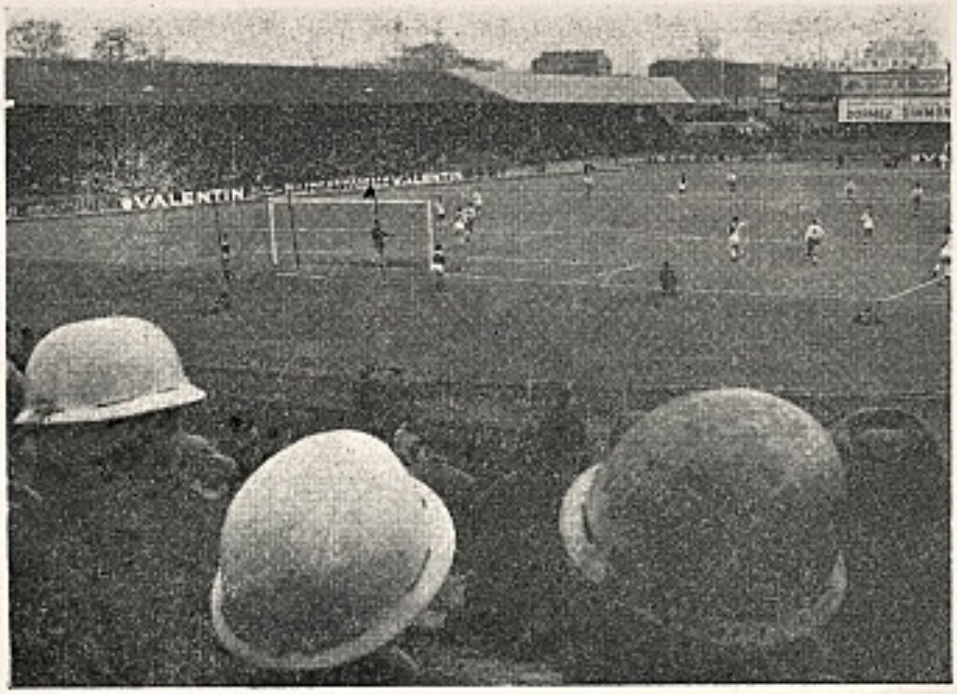
Two of Italy's top international forwards, Sivori and Altafini snapped during a quiet moment of a training session. (Keystone.)

Steel-helmeted coalminers watching the match between Sochaux and Monaco at the Stade St. Ouen played to raise cash for the then striking miners. (Planet.)



GALLIC DEPRESSION THE CURRENT VOGUE

PARIS NEWSLETTER

by

JERRY WEINSTEIN

AFTER Easter, Gallic glee at the French victory over England in the European Nations Cup was turned into Gallic gloom by the astonishing 1-0 defeat suffered in Rotterdam. For the match against the Dutch the French dropped Goujon and switched goalscorer Cossou to centre-forward. At outside-left, they gave his first cap to Paul Chillan of Nimes, normally a right-winger.

The ostensible explanation of this positional change was the desire of selector Georges Verriest to have two fast wingers (Wisnieski was on the right) against the solid cover of Holland's defence. It is true that the French attacked for nine-tenths of the game, but once more fell back into that inability to score goals after dominating forward play which has characterised many French teams of recent times. The only goal of the match came from a rare Dutch counter-attack, inspired by Moulijn, their outside-left!

Lost form

For the friendly match v. Brazil at the end of April, France had the same side with the exception that Di Nallo, the young Lyon inside-forward who scored both French goals against Hungary earlier in the season and then lost form, has been brought in at centre-forward and the left-wing position will be taken either by Cossou or by Chillan. This match is, of course, from the French point of view, a last preparation before their important European Nations Cup match with Bulgaria, victors surprisingly of Portugal. Apart from the fact that Bulgaria eliminated France from the last World Cup series after a memorable 1-0 third match play-off, it is to be noted that the French were defeated in the International Youth Tournament held in England in April by . . . Bulgaria. A bright light, however, was the victory of the French Under-23 side against the Greeks with Di Nallo particularly outstanding.

There is still some criticism of the selections. Why, for instance, Théo the most in-form and high-scoring forward in France who is so ably leading Monaco's brilliant forward-line to the possible "double" of League and Cup is still neglected is a mystery. He is surely a better bet under any circumstances for centre-forward than his team-mate Cossou. Similarly, Masnaghetti of Valenciennes, who played against England at Sheffield last year, is on top form; both these players have been chosen for the French "B" side against Morocco. We must await the outcome of the Brazil match before making further judgements.

Normally

Easter saw Monaco, already in the semi-final of the Cup, with a four-point lead at the head of the League table. By the end of the month they had a three-point lead and had reached the Cup Final. The winter postponements have now brought a new challenger in the person of Valenciennes, who have not lost a game since early December and have indeed been winning all their matches recently. Normally a run like this would have taken them to the top of the First Division but during their last ten matches Monaco have dropped but two points and that is the form of Champions.

Bordeaux have also now recovered some of their earlier form and remain with a chance, as do Sedan who, alas, can do nothing right at the moment. Earlier challengers Nice have dropped right away but Rennes, who made the running at the very beginning of the season, are now in form again but have too much lost ground to make up. For Lyon there remains the Cup Final against Monaco but for Reims and Racing nothing except the knowledge of starting next season without the presence of their brilliant team managers. Just as we were digesting the bombshell of the resignation from Reims of Albert Batteux came the news that Pierre Pibarot had asked not to have his contract renewed by Racing at the end of the season.

The reasons given for these dramatic "resignations" differ but Pibarot has stated that his reason for leaving is that he feels football does not offer him the necessary security for the future of himself and his family. It could be that the reorganisation of French football now seriously under examination might result in conditions which make the life of a team manager viable.

Reductions

The departure of Batteux from Reims seems even more extraordinary. Under his guidance Reims have won the Championship five times, the Cup and the "double" once and have twice reached the European Cup Final. Can a man do more? Apparently Reims have now decided that they must make economic reductions in their staff if they are to survive and the feel that a breath of fresh air is required to give a new impetus to Reims. It is true that of recent months, especially after the defeat by Feyenoord in the European Cup, Reims have seemed to be playing on their past reputation but still, any side which has Wendling and Rodzik, Kaelbel at centre-half, Sauvage on one wing, Akesbi at centre-forward, Siatka, Vincent and occasionally Raymond Kopa, is not a team to be trifled with.

Managers

Let us only hope that if these two great managers are lost to French football — for whatever reason — there will be a way of bringing back to France managers of the proven talent and magnetic personality of Helenio Herrera from Milan and Jean Snella from Geneva.

German referee Kandlbinder attempts to calm down irate players of Benfica and Feijenoord (striped shirts) during the goal-less draw in Amsterdam. This was the first leg European Cup semi-final. (Planet.)

CONTENDERS FOR NEXT SEASON'S CUP

European Commentary by GORDON JEFFERY

WITH this season's European Champions Cup nearing its completion, and one club therefore on the threshold of a year of glory as the leaders of European football (whether they are likely to wrest the world "unofficial" title from the South Americans is rather more doubtful) this seems a fair month to look towards some of the likely contenders for next year's European competition.

In normal years, one could be more certain of them, even at this relatively early time of writing before press date, but this has been a far from normal year with what should have been the continuous, roughly August to early May, season in most of Western Europe broken by the severe winter weather that made so many pitches unfit for play. What, indeed, is more certain than which clubs will appear is which of this season's contenders will not appear in the competition next season.

Ipswich, for example, will not appear. At this moment they are poised to complete what must be just about the most remarkable see-saw experience of any club in the world over three seasons. Champions of the Second Division of the Football League and, therefore, promoted to the First—there, for the first time in their comparatively short Football League history, to try their strength against the senior clubs of ancient glories in English football. And, surprising everyone, to prove themselves throughout a season forty-two matches the best of them all. Now this season they are struggling to keep off of the bottom two rungs of the ladder. That they are three rungs clear of relegation as I write is only because three of the four clubs below them have played several less matches. The European Cup, with its four matches against Floriana of Malta and Milan, was, one feels, a rare accident for Ipswich and one not likely to be repeated for a very long time.

Nor, unless they win it this year and qualify as the holders!, will one of the other British entries, Dundee, be re-appearing next year. Not that the Scottish club have had, like Ipswich, to fight to keep a place in their national top division. Their championship victory had also been something of a surprise—much less so than had Ipswich's in England, but still a jolt to the pride of the Glasgow-Edinburgh axis in Scottish football. Dundee have more than justified their place in the European competition however but their very success in this reduced their chances of retaining their national championship.

They did appear for a while to have a good chance of reaching the last four of their national Cup-winners competition (the obvious consolation prize for clubs with European hopes these days) but the Final in Scotland now rests between the two great Glasgow clubs, Rangers and Celtic, and, with Rangers setting a very hot pace at the head of the League table, it seems that only a very sharp decline of form or fatigue caused by too many matches having to be played in a short time, can deny Rangers the Championship. Celtic, whatever the result of the Cup-Final, would thus make a belated appearance in European Club competitive play (in the Cup-Winners Cup).

The first of the elite of European club football to make certain of a place in the Champions Cup were the old masters themselves, Real Madrid. Once Anderlecht removed them from the competition this year, there was little doubt that the smooth-running, efficient machine that still becomes Real would win their national championship. Atletico Madrid, themselves well-occupied with the Cup-Winners competition, kept up a token challenge; lesser-known clubs like Oviedo and Valladolid took advantage of the partial eclipse that has been over Barcelona to show some signs that the two "capitals" of Spain have not got a complete monopoly of football skill; Valencia had moments of glory; Zaragoza held up Real's formal winning of the title for a week by defeating them by one goal to nil. But with three matches still to come, Real were home and dry, and sure of yet another appearance in the Champions Cup.

With three matches still to be played by most clubs in East Germany, last year's champions Vorwaerts, although they had themselves a further match in hand, were without a chance of re-appearing. Motor Jena, although they had just dropped a point away from home to Wismut Karl-Marx, were in the happy position of being four points ahead of Emperor Rostock, and should have been able to earn a first appearance in the Champions Cup. They have had experience in the Cup-winners Cup.

Dropped

The season has still some way to go in most of the Central European countries where there is, of course, an authorised close-down in winter—too far for anything but vague prophecies as to next season's competitors in the European Champions Cup.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, Dukla Prague, so often the national champions in recent years, have been lagging behind Banik Ostrava. Around the time that the season was resumed, and Dukla were tacking Benfica in the quarter-finals of the Champions Cup, the difference between Banik and Dukla was only a point. Then Dukla lost to Slovnaft Bratislava whilst Banik were beating the then third-place club, Jednota Trencin, by the odd goal in three.

Familiar faces are likely to be seen during 1963-4..

Banik thus moved to a three point lead but the next round of matches saw Dukla (ousted by Benfica and therefore needing the national championship to re-appear) winning whilst Banik dropped a point, so that the difference between them was again but a single point. There is a very good chance in other words that the Czech champions will again be Dukla Prague—but it would be a change if the "unknowns", Jednota Trencin, could make it!

In Hungary, with sixteen out of a total of twenty-six matches played, there is a really tight situation at the top. Only goal-average separates the top four clubs—Ujpesti, Honved, Ferencvaros and Gyor, whilst MTK are only a point behind them. Vasas, this season's European champions cup contenders, lurk in mid-table but with the top clubs losing to each other (Honved, for example, when they were clear leaders after thirteen matches, lost at home to Gyor) and falling to middle clubs (Ujpest lost to Tatabanya as Honved failed against Gyor, for example), no one could rule out Vasas—or indeed any of the top eight of Hungary's fourteen clubs.

Disastrous

Partisan Belgrade appeared in the first European Champions Cup, then missed until this present season. Now they are making a strong effort to appear again next year but challenging them all the way are the experienced Dynamo Zagreb players. In third place, but eight points behind, are OFK Belgrade. Apart from Partizan themselves, both Dynamo (in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup) and OFK (in the Cup-Winners Cup) have been actively concerned in European club competitions this season. Everywhere indeed added spice is given to the winning of national titles by the chance of taking part in European competitions that goes with them.

In West Germany the way to European competitions has been one stage further than elsewhere. Before winning the national title, West German clubs had to get first or second place in their regional leagues, and then to win outright the championship tournament between the leading regional pairs. From next season this regional system, dating really from the days when transport was slower—and clubs poorer, is out and there will be a West German national league. This year's regional matches have thus a vital bearing on the composition of the first national league. We are not concerned here with the average clubs battling for the lower half positions in that national league. We might, however, look at those most likely to be fighting for the national championship for this season and participation in next year's European Champions Cup.

This year's West German entry was F.C. Cologne who got off to such a disastrous start against Dundee when they lost the first leg by eight goals to one, that they were just never in the competition with a real chance.

That, playing it rather too toughly, they won the return leg 4-0 gives perhaps a fairer assessment of their overall worth and of their potentiality for the future. If they get another chance next year they may get beyond the first hurdle — and, at the moment of writing, they are still in with a chance of another bite at the apple. They do, in fact, lead the West regional league with thirty-four points from the twenty-five matches they have played, but Borussia Dortmund have thirty-two points from only twenty-three matches, Schalke 04 have thirty from twenty-four matches, and Preussen Munster have twenty-nine from twenty-three matches. It is going to be a close thing for F.C. Cologne. And even if they do qualify for the Championship tournament in West Germany, they are likely to find themselves opposed to other former European Champions Cup entrants.

At the moment, for example, F.C. Nuremberg are second in the South league and Eintracht Frankfurt, the most successful of West Germany's contenders to date, are fourth. Nothing that these two clubs, or the third club, Bayern Munich, can do, can alter the ultimate leadership of the regional league by TSV 1860 Munich, but the second place remains in doubt — and worth fighting for. Nurnberg have thirty-seven points from twenty-eight matches, Bayern Munich thirty-six from twenty-seven matches, and Eintracht Frankfurt thirty-five from twenty-seven. There are thirty matches to be played.

Another remembered European Cup competitor leads the field in the North league and only two heavy defeats whilst Werder Bremen gains three big wins can stop Hamburg SV being champions. They are certain of a place in the national championship matches whatever happens.

It seems likely, from the most possible ultimate national champions I have mentioned, that West Germany will be represented by a previous European Champions Cup contender — RW Essen (now in the Second Division of the West Germany West League), Borussia Dortmund (twice), Schalke 04, Eintracht Frankfurt, F.C. Nuremberg and Cologne have been the previous ones. In the first year, when the Saar still held nominal sovereignty, Saarbrucken appeared in the Champions Cup. Now the Saar is a part of South West Germany and F.C. Saarbrucken are in second place in that regional league. It could be that they become the first club to represent two nations in the competition!

The Netherlands share out their championship honours but four of the present top five clubs in the national league have appeared previously in the European Cup. This year's successful contender, Feyenoord, are not amongst them. Success in the European Cup competition has not, for them, gone hand in hand with domestic success and, with nineteen points from eighteen matches, they are seventh in Netherlands' sixteen-strong First Division — strictly they call their Second Division the First, and the First the Premier.

Upsets

The Netherlands — and the Belgium — fixture lists were the worst-upset of all by the weather, and the playing of postponed matches may cause several upsets, but DOS, the Utrecht club, are currently in front with twenty-six points; PSV follow with twenty-five points, Sparta with twenty-four, Sp. Enschede with twenty-three, and Ajax and Fortuna '54 have twenty-two — all have played eighteen matches. DOS and PSV have both played ten of their eighteen matches at home and DOS in particular owe their position to an excellent home record — nine wins and one defeat with a goal tally of twenty for and seven against. Away from Utrecht they seem much less impressive, although three wins, two draws and three defeats does represent the accepted cham-

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Atletico Madrid goalkeeper Madinabeytia flings himself across goal to save from Nuremberg's Dachauer (not in picture), Semi-final first leg match in the European Cup Winners' Cup match which the German team won 2-1. (Planet.)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS . . . . . JUNE

An exciting incident in the Belgium-Yugoslavia match of recent vintage. Yugoslavia meet Sweden in Belgrade this month. (Central.)

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BUMPER FIXTURES

APART from the central European countries June is not usually a good month for international football, but this time owing to the exceptionally bad winter several matches which would have been played earlier have been postponed and re-arranged for June. The Scots, for example, should have visited West Germany and Spain in May but with their league programme behind, and unlikely to be completed until near the end of May the authorities in Glasgow had little option but to cry off. England, too, had to ask their hosts to play in June. The rest of the programme is traditional — the matches counting for the Scandinavian championship, and the usual round of games in Prague, Budapest and Vienna (writes ERIC BATTY).

With international football at a poor level it seems unlikely that we'll see anything brilliant from any of the official games, and it seems probable that Santos and Botafogo who will be touring Europe throughout the month, will steal all the glory, yet despite this there are several interesting points to be settled. Can Alf Ramsey, now full-time England chief, pull his team out of the doldrums? And can Rudolf Vytlacil, a hero twelve months ago when guiding the Czechs to the World Cup Final, re-establish himself and his men after several months of unbroken failure?

Inevitably, both men are firmly linked with East Germany and their Hungarian coach, Karoly Soos. Vytlacil recently conceded a win and a draw to Soos that put the Czechs out of the Nations Cup, and now in the space of five days England visit them both. Clearly at least one man's reputation is going to be seriously tarnished!

Heartache

To date the East Germans have played forty-eight full internationals since they entered the lists in 1952 under their own colours. With seventeen wins and twenty-three defeats they have rarely caused any heartache for the travel ban which denies them the privilege of playing in Western Europe has forced them to look further afield for opposition, and among their "victims" are such undistinguished sides as Indonesia, Morocco, Guinea, Mali and Tunisia. Now, however, they seem to be on the upgrade, and at home to England they should give a good account of themselves. Their middle line holds the answer to the outcome of the England clash. Kaiser, Heine, and Liebrecht, while the inside-forward trio are at last formidable. Dieter Erler provides the clever touches with Peter Ducke and Jurgen Noldner adding the punch.

Against the Czechs, Mr. Soos decided to control the middle men in Vytlacil's 4-2-4 formation — Kvasniak and Masopust — and with them both a little below par it worked. It seems likely that he will try this again against England but if the visitors maintain their strange decision to play without skill in midfield who will Soos pick on as the key men?

The Swiss are also having a poor time at the moment though their boss, Karl Rappan, can hardly expect to do otherwise. Rejuvenating his team after the flop in Chile he's introduced a host of unknowns like Heuri, Brizzi and Kuhn in attack. There has also been talk of reverting to the Verrou with big Heinz Schneiter playing the all-important central role, yet whatever his final choice it seems unlikely that England will be allowed a cheap victory. The Swiss have recently held Holland to a 1-1 draw, and the Dutch followed that with a 1-0 win over France. We all know what the mediocre French did to England in Paris, and the results of the tour depend on England's selectoral policy. If they field a defence, an attack *and a midfield link* they can do well. If they don't it could be another disaster.

Struggling

The Austro-Hungarian-Czech rivalry is once more put to the test this month, and as I see it, the most likely winners of the two clashes are Hungary, who meet both their rivals. The Czechs are struggling, the Austrians smarting from the memory of that 6-0 home defeat from Czechoslovakia last autumn, and the Hungarians bursting with talent look good enough to test anyone. Szentmihalyi has replaced Grosics in goal and looks as if he will stay as long as the old master, and up front we can expect to see the young Ujpest star Bene make a name for himself probably at inside-right. For Hungary, and team-chief Lajos Baroti, the future looks bright as ever, but don't be surprised if the Czechs and Austrians have new bosses before the end of the year.

The top European side of the moment in my estimation is Yugoslavia, who are turning out a stream of talented ball players just as they have for the last thirty years. Their big failing has always been lack of finishing power and even their most outstanding players of recent years, Vukas and Sekularac, were not frequent scorers. The present team which has so far managed to resist joining the defensive vogue, is talented and entertaining, and perhaps vitally important effective. Up front they still rely on Galic and Jerkovic for the goals but there's not a weakness anywhere from goal to outside-left.

Surprised

Though Italy and Russia are talking of staging one of their Nations Cup matches in June, there is no definite confirmation as we go to press and the Yugoslavia–Sweden match is the only competitive game of the month. I confidently predict a good win for the home side, and would not be at all surprised if they reached the final of the Nations Cup as they did last time and it would be good for the game as a whole if they won it.

Scotland, the best of the British teams during the last two years, have not even entered for the Nations Cup, which is indeed a great pity. They have only one definite game arranged — a clash with Norway at Bergen, but are still hoping for a match with Spain, too.

Columbuses of the "auld" tartan hue

SCOTTISH NEWS by JOHN STONE

IF the trend continues for very much longer, Kilmarnock will become known as the Columbuses of Scottish football. And no wonder, for like the famed Christopher they seem to make a point of landing in America.

Since their first venture into the summer soccer tournament in the United States four years ago, Killie have never made a secret of the fact that they enjoyed participating in the competition.

Manager Willie Waddell, I recall vividly, declared when his team flew back into Prestwick Airport in 1960, just having lost 2-0 to Bangu in the first-ever final, that the Rugby Park side would return the following year.

They did, too, and while not making quite the same impression as they had done the previous year — and, perhaps, not quite so much cash (it was estimated they cleared something like £6,000 in 1960) — they nevertheless enjoyed their second venture in a land where soccer may never be as popular as stars and stripes, but where, without a doubt, it is nevertheless prospering like all healthy infants should.

Attempt

Dundee, Scotland's European Cup heroes this season, were their country's representatives last summer but they failed even to emulate Killie's first venture into Mr. Bill Cox's glamorous competition. What all Scotland wonders now is: Can Killie succeed at the third attempt where they have failed twice so gallantly in the past.

If downright guts goes for anything, the answer could well be yes, for although the Ayrshiremen have changed their club colours from old-fashioned blue and white hoops to the much more modern stripes, they have no real stars left.

No players like Jimmy Brown, that colourful and controversial goalkeeper who had all Broadway talking about his vivid sweaters and jockey caps; no Willie Toner, Scotland's centre-half for a spell round about this period and now with Hibs; no Andy Kerr, who although now well past thirty, is still a good enough centre-forward for Sunderland to have paid £25,000 for him two months ago.

These "big three" of the Rugby Park side which first crossed the Atlantic have gone to pastures new, but although they were once considered the backbone, as the three musketeers without whom all cause for Killie would be lost, fresh young blood brought in to replace them has had the effect of keeping Ayrshire's top side right to the forefront in the Scottish game.

Forever sniffing around the Cup door — be it League or Scottish Cup — and never far away when talent money is being awarded for top-four league places at the season's end, Kilmarnock again qualified for their American trip the hard way.

At one stage the talk was of Partick Thistle possibly pipping Rangers for the championship; of, perhaps, Celtic coming up late to head both. Or of Aberdeen, having a better season than for years, perhaps creating a title-winning shock.

Hearts, too, were talked about as threats to Rangers, always favourites to land the championship, but few gave Kilmarnock any chance at all.

From mediocre beginnings to the long league campaign, they improved to creep steadily nearer the top and although to catch Rangers was impossible they were intent on another trans-Atlantic summer holiday.

April 21 was the fateful Saturday. Partick and Killie, locked neck and neck in a desperate second-place struggle, had been told a few days earlier by the Scottish League Management Committee that the team lying second to Rangers would be the team that represented them in the States.

Partick, at home to Aberdeen, had a slightly inferior goal average to Kilmarnock, who travelled to relegation-threatened Falkirk. As all Scotland now knows, unpredictable Partick, after one of the finest starts they have had to any season, were beaten 3-2 at home and Kilmarnock trounced Falkirk 5-0 to emphasise just how worthy they were of being Scotland's hopes in a tournament Mr. Bill Cox, its jovial organiser, confidently predicts will be the finest of all so far.

London's enigmas, West Ham, will be out to beat Kilmarnock not just for their sake, but also for England's after the Wembley international lesson, and remembering that the score between Killie and England's representative in this tournament stands at 1-1, Killie having beaten Burnley 2-0 in 1960, with Everton winning by the same score in 1961.

There will be other sides who can make the competition — starting on May 30 — a really spectacular affair. Names like Recife (Brazil), Mantova (Italy), Paok Salonika (Greece), Preussen Munster (W. Germany), and of course the Hammers from London, all in the same section as Killie.

Picking the winner from such a complex field is like looking for the one who'll be first past the post in the Grand National.

There are so many hazards; conditions more than anything counting with players away from home in a foreign country. Here, if nowhere else, Kilmarnock can certainly be expected to "score", for having been to America twice in the last three years they know exactly what to expect and just what they must prepare for.

Although the team has changed in composition considerably since their first trip, there are still sufficient members of the initial side to guide the younger generation players through the early hazards.

And with manager Mr. Willie Waddell and trainer Walter McCrae — just about the best "backroom" twosome in Scottish football — again at the helm, Killie's "Commandos", as they were called on their first appearance on American soil, can become more than Columbuses. They can be the Killie conquerors.

Certainly spirit is not lacking in the party; but that is to be expected in a team from a town whose name has long been linked with one of the most popular of all Scottish whiskies. Let's hope that like their famed bottled brew, Kilmarnock — for Scotland's sake — prove just as potent.

Jimmy Millar (left) scores the first of Rangers' five goals in the match against Dundee United. (Planet.)

ARGENTINA HAS THE BEST RECORD

Analysis of the New World's top competition by ROGER MACDONALD

BOLIVIA won the 1963 South American Championship for the first time in their history, and Paraguay finished ahead of Argentina and Brazil. But as the latter two nations only fielded their reserve sides, it remains to be seen whether this competition will be given official recognition. Gordon Jeffery gives further details elsewhere in this issue.

The last Championship in which the "big guns" loaded their best ammunition was at Buenos Aires, in 1959. Argentina held Brazil to a draw in the final match of the competition, to retain a one point lead. Brazil had lost this point when Peru fought back from a 2-0 deficit, incredibly, to draw the match. Seminario was the immortal marksman. The Argentine success followed the pattern in which the Big Three have almost always been hosts *and* winners, the one exception being 1916, when Uruguay won at Buenos Aires. Now Bolivia have shown how good they are at home, too.

1916 was the year of the first official South American Championship, but, sure enough, Argentina sneaked in an earlier tournament before the continent even had a Federation of its own. This is not a scurrilous reference to a foreign country, because the Argentine F.A. was founded by a Scot, had a half-English president, and a committee packed with Britons! In 1910, when they invited Uruguay and Chile to participate in *a grand tournament* (their italics) for the Championship of South America, several British players were selected for the national side. C. T. Wilson played in goal (the Argentines were hopeless at goalkeeping); E. A. Brown and Jacobs at half-back; and Arnold Watson Hutton on the left wing. Hutton was the star wanted by both codes of football, and the following year he was the centre of a stormy argument when he turned down an international appearance in favour of a rugby match against an English touring side! But in 1910 his passes provided a certain H. Hayes—possibly, but not certainly, an Englishman—with the four goals which enabled "Argentina" to defeat both the other competitors.

Only a few of the top goalscorers in official and extraordinary tournaments are familiar to Europeans. Isabelini Gradin was a great negro sprinter who played for Penarol; Petrone, Scarone and Figuero were among the Uruguayan stars in the 1924 and 1928 Olympiads; Toro is supposed to be an elder relative of Jorge Toro, a contemporary Chilean star now in Italy. Maschio also went to Italy with Angelillo and Sivori — Argentina's "Angels with Dirty Faces". They were probably the best inside-forward trio South America has ever produced. Di Stefano also scored several goals for his native land in 1947, but Argentina's best goalscorer is said to have been José Moreno, a much travelled player with fantastic ball control. Jair, of course, was Brazil's famous inside-forward of the 1950 World Cup—a remarkable footballer, who tended to be mesmerised by his own brilliance. Oh, and I seem to have heard of that chap called Pelé. . . .

The reason for the lack of really prolific goalscorers—Jair, as can be seen, is the only one to reach double figures—is to be found in the relative equality between the top nations. A deciding match has been necessary on five occasions:

1919 Brazil 1, Uruguay 0
1922 Brazil 3, Paraguay 1
1937 Argentina 2, Brazil 0
1949 Brazil 7, Paraguay 0
1953 Paraguay 3, Brazil 2

Brazil required a play-off to beat Uruguay in 1919, despite a superior goal-average; in 1937 they drew with Argentina twice before losing 2-0 (1-0, according to the book, *World Cup*). By a curious coincidence, they have been concerned in each of the additional matches — and have won three of them at Rio.

The smaller nations have often served as chopping-blocks for their larger neighbours. Some of the scores have bordered on the astronomical. In 1942 Argentina scored twelve goals against Ecuador; seven years later Brazil managed ten in slaughtering Bolivia. Poor Bolivia were on the receiving end again in 1953, Brazil beating them 8-1 this time, and way back in 1927, when Uruguay ran up nine goals without reply. But they can hold their heads high for a while.

Other large scores have included Brazil 9, Colombia 1 (1957); Argentina 8, Colombia 2 (1957 again—it was just not Colombia's year); and Argentina 8, Paraguay 0 (1926). But please do not ask me to give a complete list: seven goals have been scored by one side in eleven matches, and six goals in thirty!

The lesser nations have often been discouraged from entering the competition when they could not field a reasonably strong side —Ecuador held their own unofficial competition in 1960 in protest against their exclusion

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SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1916-1959
THE COMPLETE RECORD

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.
Argentina v.:						
Bolivia	6	6	0	0	32	2
Brazil	17	11	3	3	31	16
Colombia	3	3	0	0	23	3
Chile	18	13	5	0	46	12
Ecuador	6	6	0	0	31	3
Paraguay	15	14	1	0	53	15
Peru	11	9	1	1	29	12
Uruguay	22	10	3	9	33	24
Bolivia v.:						
Argentina	6	0	0	6	2	32
Brazil	5	0	0	5	4	27
Colombia	3	1	2	0	5	3
Chile	7	1	1	5	13	27
Ecuador	4	1	3	0	6	5
Paraguay	6	0	0	6	6	27
Peru	5	1	1	3	3	8
Uruguay	8	1	0	7	3	36
Brazil v.:						
Argentina	17	3	3	11	16	31
Bolivia	5	5	0	0	27	4
Colombia	3	3	0	0	21	1
Chile	14	11	2	1	48	16
Ecuador	5	5	0	0	28	5
Paraguay	7	5	1	1	17	8
Peru	15	7	4	4	37	16
Uruguay	16	6	3	7	24	29
Colombia v.:						
Argentina	3	0	0	3	3	23
Bolivia	3	0	2	1	3	5
Brazil	3	0	0	3	1	21
Chile	4	1	0	3	8	10
Ecuador	4	2	1	1	9	5
Paraguay	2	0	0	2	0	5
Peru	3	0	0	3	2	13
Uruguay	4	1	0	3	1	10
Chile v.:	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.
Argentina	18	0	5	13	12	46
Bolivia	7	5	1	1	27	12
Brazil	14	1	2	11	16	48
Colombia	4	3	0	1	10	8
Ecuador	9	7	2	0	34	10
Paraguay	13	4	0	9	21	28
Peru	11	3	4	4	16	20
Uruguay	21	4	2	15	20	51
Ecuador v.:						
Argentina	6	0	0	6	3	21
Bolivia	4	0	3	1	5	6
Brazil	5	0	0	5	5	28
Colombia	4	1	1	2	5	9
Chile	9	0	2	7	10	34
Paraguay	6	0	1	5	2	13
Peru	8	0	1	7	9	22
Uruguay	9	0	1	8	7	48

More in keeping with early autumn

EIRE ROUND-UP by TOM MULDOWNEY

SHELBOURNE and Dundalk emerged worthy winners of Eire's two major trophies, cup and league, in a fixture packed end of season session, more in keeping with early autumn than late spring.

Five competitions were decided during a spate of football that provided poor entertainment and promised little for the future unless something revolutionary takes place. An unlikely possibility in view of the snail pace legislation of today.

Shelbourne, Eire's oldest professional club, gained their third cup success at the expense of Cork Hibernians in a repeat of the 1960 decider, also won by the "Reds".

Wind and rain kept the attendance down to an all time low 15,000. To their satisfaction and the credit of both sets of players the atrocious conditions were mastered and a spine tingling thriller resulted. That roused both supporters' camps to feverish excitement and produced the most vociferous final I remember.

The first half contained the game's talking point; which in later years may equal the Arsenal–Newcastle ball over the line dispute. Come with me, then, to the Shelbourne penalty area with the Reds one up, and ten minutes left of a first half of football brilliance.

Blocked

Barnsley-born referee Arthur Holland, who impressed with the whistle, waits as Cork trainer George Sullivan prepares to leave the field after "repairing" the injured Kingston; Shelbourne's attempt at a quick free kick is blocked by Kingston and sent to the net.

Cork joy was choked at birth as grim faced Holland ruled no goal. Said he: "I never gave permission for the match to be resumed as the trainer was on the field of play." To what extent this decision affected Cork's play will never be known. Certainly the "no score" came at a time when "Reds" rearguard was at full stretch against goal hungry forwards in full cry.

Strahan and the powerfully built Paddy Roberts were Shelbourne stalwarts. Indeed I rate Strahan a "must" for this season's "Soccer Personality" award. Shame on the sports writers if he's not.

In addition to Strahan; Wilson, Barber, Hennessy and Conroy of the 1960 squad climbed the victory steps for second medals. And although full-back Bonham, from a penalty, and wing-half Roberts were scorers, it was front men Wilson and the ebullient Hannigan who made them. Older and wiser, Shels former teenagers accepted the chances while Hibs let many go a-begging.

If anything, the Southerners were better on the ball. In Tony Allen, who was watched by representatives of Glasgow Celtic and Southend United, and Tommy Hamilton they had the best players afield. The extra pass and the frown of Lady Luck proved their undoing. Yet in the final analysis they must admit Shelbourne's right to the "big pot".

Home in sorrow, then, went Tommy Moroney's beaten boys. Disappointed but not disgraced. They played their part, a major one, I must add, in lifting the 1963 Eire cup final high above the standard of many others played in more ideal conditions.

Few teams deserve cup joy as do Shelbourne. This was their third triumph in forty-one years. A meagre total that exemplifies many disappointments and years of frustration. Years when money was plenty, spent wisely and foolishly importing the best of foreign talent. To no avail. Look at what those red legions endured: defeat by little Alton in 1923; by those hated rivals Shamrock Rovers in 1925.

Thirteen years later and victory at last. A goal by ex-Rover full-back Sacky Glen beat Sligo Rovers, led by the great Dixie Dean. And wags say Shels success started the war. Rovers again in 1944 when an own goal by Eddie Gannon, later to star with Sheffield Wednesday, plunged Ringsend into gloom; cock-a-hoop Shelbourne fielding one of their finest local teams thrashed by Dundalk 3-0. And two years later a lone Johnny Vaughan goal sent the cup south to Cork Athletic and followers of the famous "Reds" gave up in despair.

No wonder Ringsend was ablaze when the all local teenagers won out in 1960. No wonder bonfires blazed and Ringsend erupted with joy when Freddie Strahan received the glittering trophy and brought it home for the second time in four years, cheered to the echo by old timers and their sons who do not understand what it means to see a dream come true.

Home to spacious Irishtown Stadium; not yet ready for league football. And Shels, needing every penny to complete it look to their second European encounter to provide a happy copper counting session.

Provide

Away from champagne drenched Ringsend and the sound of popping corks, and north to the once peaceful town of Dundalk, where flies the championship flag after an absence of thirty years. To the burning cauldron of football fanaticism that is Oriel Park these delirious days as the locals await the outcome of the European cup draw. Not that Dundalk intend playing at home.

Dublin's Dalymount Park is the venue and the mecca of all Dundalk. No crib from regular Oriel onlookers who enjoy travelling much more than stay-at-home followers of other clubs.

Unlike Shelbourne, the northerners' championship conquest was achieved on a near veteran blue-print. Players like Rowe, Cross, Pownall, Callan and O'Reilly, in the twilight of success stacked careers, discarded by clubs who considered them to be past their best.

However, running through the silver is a strong golden thread. Tim Lyons, a pivot whose coolness and culture belies his youth. Ted Harte, Patsy McKeown, Redmond and Kennedy are others still young in soccer sense, with many years of football packed in their talent loaded boots.

Their personality-plus is one-armed centre-forward Jimmy Hasty whose football career appeared to be wrecked when he met with a serious accident as a youngster. He was made of sterner stuff than most and jumped into the soccer headlines with Newry Town. South to Dundalk where he soon became a prolific goal scorer and the talk of the town.

These then are men who will not be overawed by the big occa-

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High reaching Cork Hibernians goalkeeper Bob Brohan safely collects a high cross as Limerick's O'Connor (left) looks on. Hibernian defenders O'Mahony and O'Callaghan cover their custodian. (McCarthy I.)

Another English season has come to its end

GOING BACK INTO THE PENALTY AREA!

with defensive soccer the order of the day

WHEN you see more than a hundred football matches a season, as I do, you should be able to say where the English game is going, or trying to go. Is it advancing? Is it stagnating?

From the evidence I have seen this season I would say it's going back into the penalty area! Too many teams for the comfort and entertainment of the fans have based their strategy on defence. For some years now it has been old-fashioned to have five forwards up. One, whether an inside-forward or a deep-lying centre-forward, has been pulled back as the provider.

But this season we've seen teams with only three forwards up, the other players in defence. Manchester City, rightly criticised for introducing a negative 2-5-3 plan, were at least honest enough to say that they were concentrating on stopping the other side from scoring. At the time their manager, Mr. Leslie McDowall, had said he felt his system could exploit the traditional weaknesses of the English game—chiefly through the long hit ball out of defence. The scheme was soon abandoned when the team started losing.

by BRIAN SCOVELL

Of the more successful sides, Leicester City used a plan which tried to have the maximum number of players in attack when they attacked and in defence when they defended. But because men can't move as fast as the ball what usually happened was that seven and sometimes eight men fell back into defence with the inside-right, Graham Cross, playing almost alongside his centre-half.

Against a good attacking side, this tactic made it a good game, as when Spurs visited Filbert Street. That match was one of the best played in England last season.

Leicester excelled in the counter-attack. But as they conceded the no-man's-land to the opposition, when they played a bad team it was usually a bad game. A good instance of this was when I saw them beat Leyton Orient early in April. Leicester's style allowed Orient to have much more of the ball than their play entitled them to. So for most of the game we saw a good team picking off the clumsy blows of a weak opponent and only occasionally launching a counter-attack.

Prefer

I'd rather see a good team doing all the attacking! Of course, a counter-attack is always more dangerous than any attack in a series of attack, which is why Leicester play this way and do so well.

The new trend could be seen in every Division. In the Third, a talented side like Swindon Town often played defensively away from home. They brought their wingers back alongside the backs. They drew most of their away games — but they didn't win many.

It is well known that many managers tell their players to play for a draw on opponents' ground. "Two points at home and one away will win you any League," a manager once told me.

But does it do the game any good? Are we only copying Italian football—where defensive techniques have reached such a state of negation that clubs will virtually mortgage their grounds to buy a forward good enough to master them?

I fear this may be one of the things we have inherited from the freeing of wages. The more money at stake, the more the incentive to play safe.

When a team is threatened with relegation it will try anything—except perhaps good football—to pull clear. Crystal Palace, for years the best footballing side out of the top two divisions, changed their style completely after the cold spell. They might well have claimed that the results justified the means (greater concentration on stopping the other side scoring) but they lost many admirers.

Complete

All this raises the point: which is more important, the way the game is played, or the result? It must be the way the game is played if we are to compete with the best soccer nations in the world

Naturally, not all ninety-two clubs in the League played defensively. Spurs played as they always did and, I hope, always will. West Ham showed themselves to be a young side with a flair for attacking football (though they were guilty of defensive football away from home). Liverpool brought back many of the best qualities of the old Scottish game.

But the emphasis on defence, and tactics built around it, was a disturbing influence in the 1962-3 season.

I hope by next season managers can be made to realise that attack is the best form of defence. That possession is nine points of the law. And that soccer has to entertain because that's the main reason for playing it!

SCOTT HELPED CHAMPIONSHIP BID

West Ham centre-half Ken Brown prepares to tackle Everton and Scottish international outside-right Alex Scott during a League match at Upton Park. Scott was signed from Rangers for a fee in the region of £40,000. (Planet 1.)

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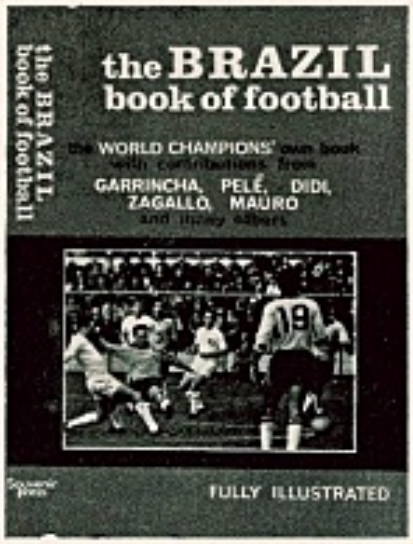

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An informal team picture of the jubilant England Youth side that won the UEFA Youth Tournament. In the centre captain Ron Harris of Chelsea clasps the trophy. (Central 1.)

SUCCESS for England in the UEFA Youth Tournament was more than welcome, coming as it did when the England seniors were wallowing in a deep depression. Seldom extended, and never in real difficulties at any time in the five match programme, the England lads ran up an overall goal aggregate of fifteen to nil, and though fortunate in the final, when Ireland were forced to re-shuffle their team and carry a limping right-back for most of the game, they were clearly the most competent side in the series.

Fielding a team drawn from youngsters playing regularly with professional clubs, it was to be expected that England would do well, and it was both refreshing and encouraging to note that within a few days several members of the team were promoted to their clubs league sides. The game in England received a much needed boost, though as usual, the national press went wild with enthusiasm and in some cases — overstepped the mark. Fielding the Youth team *en bloc* against Brazil; keeping them together for the 1966 World Cup were just two of the more ridiculous demands that were put into circulation!

Reached

I shall come back to this point later, but for the moment I would like to point out that in general the host country has always done well in this Tournament. Just how important ground advantage was, is illustrated by the fact that immediately behind England in the ranking list came Ireland and Scotland, and the Irish who had several players from English league clubs were almost as much at home as England were.

A glance at the records made England favourites before the first ball was kicked for in the sixteen tournaments to date, two have not been played to a finish; in three series the host country reached the final tie, and seven times the home team have run out winners. Obviously then, the importance of playing at home, must be weighed carefully when trying to assess the real value of this success.

The two biggest disappointments to me were Italy and Rumania, for I had expected both teams to do well. Rumania, who won the series (at home) last year would probably have reached this year's semi-finals had they not been placed in the same qualifying group as England who beat them 3-0. They produced excellent football, however, and though unfortunate to have two men injured this had little influence on the result for England's goals were all scored while the Rumanians were at full strength.

The Italians, however, were in a different category. After two excellent games in the qualifying stage, they gained a narrow victory over a Spanish XI that was said to be exceptionally good. I thought Italy would reach the final, but after winning their first two games comfortably 3-0 and 4-1, they crashed 2-1 to Bulgaria and were out. I was disappointed at their elimination, for they had appeared to be a useful combination, but the Italian officials were apparently disgusted. At all events they packed and had left for home within twelve hours despite the fact that they could have stayed on until the final all at the expense of the Football Association.

However, the most surprising results were recorded in Group A from which Scotland eventually emerged on top. Had Glasgow Rangers been prepared to release several of their talented youngsters the semi-final which England won by only 1-0 might well have gone the other way, but in the preliminary round Scotland appeared to owe much of their success to Greece who thrashed West Germany 7-2 on the opening day. The Germans recovered remarkably to beat Scotland 2-1 but went out on goal average, after the Scots had beaten Greece 4-0.

It was in this group, too, that the major blot on the series was recorded, for after the Scotland-Greece tussle at Tooting, quite a few spectators joined in a hurly burly with the players. Police and officials restored order, but it seems the trouble flared up again in the dressing room. I wasn't there, but a colleague who was attributed much of the responsibility for this outburst on the Greeks, but added that one or two of the Scottish boys had been unnecessarily "cocky" and had added to the Greeks' chagrin with a few old-fashioned fouls that weren't appreciated. Apart from this, however, the series passed off almost without incident, and of the games I saw, there was scarcely a foul at all, and certainly nothing to which one could take exception.

This was confirmed for me by the Hungarian referee, Istvan Zsolt, and the trainer in charge of the Hungarian party, Sandor Kapocsi, with whom I spoke at Bognor. Mr. Kapocsi has been at the last four tournaments and though he wasn't present at the Tooting incidents, his impression was that the series had gone off very well, and added a compliment to the arrangements made by the Football Association that "it was the best organised of all".

The Russians, Czechs and Hungarians were all disappointing, and so, too, were the Dutch who thumped Wales for eleven goals in a qualifying match and then went down 5-0 to England in their first match of the competition proper.

Individuals

Because of the rather stupid arrangements it's rather difficult for any one man to comment on the series as a whole, for after seeing a maximum of three games (and therefore six teams) twelve of the contestants were eliminated. I would have liked the opportunity to see many more of the visitors, but with all the matches played on the same days and kicking off at precisely the same time this was impossible. For the future I would earnestly recommend that the qualifying rounds should be staggered but even though it wasn't possible to see anything like the entire field, there are some general comments that I would like to make.

First I was very disappointed at the lack of really talented individuals. Repeatedly I won-

FANTASY SPOILED IT

UEFA Youth Tournament by ERIC BATTY

dered "was I expecting too much from players who were under eighteen on September 1 last year" yet trying to be fair I couldn't find anyone as outstanding as Haynes (England) and Pottier (Switzerland) to name just two who had stood out at that age. There were many talented players on view, of course, but few who appeared to have more than his share of real natural ability.

I would pick out five for special commendation — three of them full-backs. My strongest tip for stardom would be England's right-back Len Badger who was impressive in every phase of the game. In the final, he faced in McKinney Ireland's best forward; coped with this threat comfortably and made good use of every ball. Given the right approach (i.e., a determination to reach the top that doesn't fizzle out at twenty-three he could go all the way). His partner, and club colleague Shaw, was also impressive and another of my five.

Bulgaria's left-back Atanassov looked a more than useful performer, though generally I was disappointed with their displays.

Forwards were more difficult to find and I would mention only two as real possibles — Hungary's Ronai from Komlo who performs equally well as inside- or outside-right; and Ireland's inside-left Ross who will surely not remain with Glentoran for much longer. Ross in the first half-hour of the final looked as if he might have caused trouble for England, placed as he was between Ireland's two most thrustful forwards Clements and McKinney, but after twice laying beautiful long balls inside Badger, he was withdrawn to fill the breach created through injury at right-back!

Tactically, there was little worthy of comment for most of the teams appeared to be using the orthodox WM and adapting it in some matches to 4-2-4. The Bulgarians, who were the most successful of all the Continental teams, baffled me. When I saw them against Hungary at Kingston they appeared a very ordinary bunch. Practically without wingers they played what was described by a Continental friend as "Hurrah football" — when they had the ball everybody up, when the enemy had it, everybody back.

After being behind for most of the game they were fortunate to gain an equaliser with barely three minutes left for play, when a free kick rebounded from a post and caught the Hungarian defence flat-footed. They were far better organised in the semi-final with Ireland and after playing some good football were put out when lots were drawn after extra time had failed to produce a winner.

This is another reform I would earnestly suggest. Extra "extra-time" or even a replay the following day — anything but tossing a coin! I can imagine no greater disappointment for anyone than that.

And so to England, the winners, and a special tribute to the former Orient goalkeeper, Pat Welton, who did a fine job in welding England's party into a team. Badger and Shaw I have already commended, and I feel, too, that goalkeeper Cowen has what it takes yet he was so rarely tested that it would be unwise to say more than that he was never found wanting.

England's success was essentially a team effort, with the ball being prodded forward from all angles with the precision and regularity of a machine. Up front all five forwards looked capable, with everyone eager to let fly at goal whenever the opportunity presented itself, and the only criticism I can make of the overall England performance was that it tended to be too mechanical, too direct, too simple.

This brings me to what I believe to be one of the basic facts of football life in the 1960s, and I believe this view was confirmed by the UEFA Tournament. Today our youngsters are direct, forceful and eager to shoot — qualities that the Continentals have yet to acquire at eighteen. At the same time we lack the finesse, the basic ability with the ball that leads to stardom, and here it is the Continentals that have the edge.

Goals alone win matches and it is not coincidence but these basic qualities outlined above that enable England in particular and British teams in general to do well as Schoolboys; Youths and Under-23 internationals.

After that, however, class begins to tell, and this explains the difference in results experienced by England's Under-23 squad compared with the Seniors. Against packed defences that retreat smoothly, direct play becomes less important and certainly less effective. What is vital (and missing) at the Senior level is the basic ability with the ball that enables a player to create space and a shooting position in a crowded penalty area.

It's difficult to define this magic quality for which I looked in vain at the UEFA matches. Matthews had it, so did Mannion and Peter Doherty, and Kubala, Schiaffino and Di Stefano. The English haven't a word for it, though we might call it szffffft. The Latins say "fantasy" but there was precious little of it at Bognor Regis where all the sixteen UEFA teams were housed, and this to me was the greatest disappointment of the series.

Action from a tournament match between Belgium and Sweden. Pictured are left to right: Seghers (Belgium), goalkeeper Franssen (Belgium), Johnansson (Sweden) and Van Vyve (Belgium). (Planet I.)

Geza Kalocsi (left), son of a former Ujpest Dozsa coach, talks with Hungarian coach Sandor Kapocsi. (O.)

UEFA Tourney results

Group A

Greece 7, West Germany 2; Switzerland 1, Scotland 3; Greece 1, Switzerland 1; West Germany 2, Scotland 1; Scotland 4, Greece 0; West Germany 2, Switzerland 1. Group winner: Scotland.

Group B

France 0, Bulgaria 2; Italy 3, Hungary 0; Hungary 1, Bulgaria 1; Italy 4, France 1; Hungary 1, France 3; Italy 1, Bulgaria 2. Group winner: Bulgaria.

Group C

Netherlands 0, England 3; Russia 0, Rumania 1; Rumania 0, England 3; Russia 1, Netherlands 3; Rumania 2, Netherlands 0; England 2, Russia 0. Group winner: England.

Group D

Czechoslovakia 4, Sweden 2; Northern Ireland 2, Belgium 1; Belgium 2, Sweden 1; Northern Ireland 1, Czechoslovakia 0; Belgium 2, Czechoslovakia 0; Northern Ireland 3, Sweden 3. Group winner: Northern Ireland.

Semi-finals:

England 1, Scotland 0 (at White City).
Northern Ireland 3, Bulgaria 3 (at Southampton).

Match for third place

Scotland 4, Bulgaria 2 (at Portsmouth).

Final

England 4, Northern Ireland 0 (at Wembley).

TWO BRIGHTER SIGNS FOR THE BRITISH GAME

WORLD OF SOCCER

IT is so rarely that the English soccer fan has something to cheer, I do not blame him one little bit for the emotional outbursts at Wembley Stadium that evening in late April when the England Youth side ran a lap of honour after winning the Union Des Associations Europeénes De Football, sixteenth International Youth Tournament for the second time since the competition was founded in 1948.

As eighteen-year-old skipper and right-half Ron Harris of Chelsea led his colleagues round the Wembley pitch, the trophy held aloft, there were some of us who felt a strong emotional pull, especially as we strained our eyes to catch a long, last glimpse of these young men as they disappeared down the long tunnel, away from our sight, jumping and skipping with teenage delight and bursting with pride, as we were, to know England had at long, long last achieved a success on the International field.

Walking away from the ground, the chatter on the lips of the crowd concerned itself with nothing except the display of soccer they had seen, soccer played in a manner which can only be described as delightful. As a writer who is constantly begging that sporting matters are put into perspective, allow me to say that I fully realise all the circumstances surrounding the 4-0 win over Northern Ireland that brought us the trophy. I know it was not the World Cup and I know that Northern Ireland passed into the final by the toss of a coin after a 3-3 semi-final draw with Bulgaria. All these facts, whilst always strongly in mind, failed to hold their full significance in the moment of triumph, however minor it was in comparison to the manner other deeds recounted in the pages of this magazine.

Genuine delight cannot be cloaked under a film of apathy and I must admit that when I saw the crowds assembling, I was prepared to write a piece castigating the soccer thousands who stayed away. I still reprimand them for their stagnation, irrespective of the attractions of spring planting, evening decoration and the lure of the "magic box". I also, now, feel sorry they missed such a splendid night under the new floodlights in a stadium beginning to look like a place British soccer can look upon with pride.

Method

It is difficult not to overstate the achievement of England's young men. In eleven of the previous tournaments, the team representing the host nation have walked off as the winning side. To play at home means so much when a player is young, but this and all the other provisos do not take into account the manner and method of England's win. More than this, the pleasure of observing soccer performed to a pattern as clean cut and crystal clear as the fresh spring night air around us.

At first the crowd were slow to show their appreciation. Then there was applause for both sides because the enthusiasm and spirit shown in the first ten minutes was more than the sum total of half-a-dozen League games I watched during the season. The crisp move from centre-half to winger, the wingers away like greyhounds out of a trap, the more often than not slide rule accuracy of the centres, roused the 35,000 spectators covering the slopes of the reconditioned and translucent glass fibre roofed stadium like ants on the side of Everest, to round after round of appreciative applause as opposed to evocations of the type we normally associate with soccer matches.

Dundee and Scotland centre-half Ian Ure is generally regarded as the best pivot within the four home countries. Easily distinguishable on the field because of his blond hair, Ure is rumoured to be after a move to an English club. (Central 1.)

Those who saw England beat Scotland 2-0 at the White City a few days previously in the semi-final knew something of the team's capabilities and doubtless believe that Pat Welton, the former Leyton Orient goalkeeper, and Wilf McGuinness, who between them managed, coached and trained the side, achieved something far more for English soccer than a home win in a youth tournament. They restored pride and hope into the hearts of all those who were starting to wonder if they would ever again watch football played in quite this way.

Let us admit, the crunching tackle and the close marking of top soccer had no part in this match at all and also that Northern Ireland's players were a good deal less experienced than England's young men. For all of this, Northern Ireland did not merely provide a chopping block for the eager junior professionals, some of whom had already experienced a number of League games.

The acclamation with which the match was received will be said in many quarters, to be quite out of proportion. It was even suggested on one hand that we should now press for an Under-21 competition. A good idea in its way, but maybe there should have been requests along these lines *before* it was realised England contained such a set of powerful up-and-comers. Another fine dream unlikely to bear much fruit is a proposal to keep the squad together and use them for the World Cup in 1966.

Still it was difficult for all parties to keep their heads following the victory and remained

DISCRIMINATING SOCCER FANS READ SOCCER STAR

LESLIE PAGE covers some of last month's soccer items

an event we could cheer in our many hours of sporting sorrows. No matter how wonderful the condition of the Wembley turf, less England passes went astray than one would ever expect or hope to see in a whole string of full-blooded internationals.

Incisive

That this magazine was able to illustrate the footballing form of Stanley Matthews on its cover in the April edition was a striking and significant fact. In company with Dennis Viollet, Jimmy McIlroy, and Jackie Mudie, Matthews brought a considerable amount of expertise to bear upon the revival in fortunes of Stoke City, enabling them to make their powerful late run in the English Football League.

The mere thought of bringing the aged maestro back to his starting point, as it were, set the town of Stoke by the ears, pushing up the gates from a meagre 8-9,000 to an average of 25,000 a match.

It has become the accepted custom these past few years to celebrate notable British club occasions by inviting one of the leading overseas clubs to make a visit and Stoke's Centenary was marked by the appearance of Real Madrid, perhaps no longer the force they used to be, but still the most well-known club outside the United Kingdom, with the possible exception of Benfica.

Recur

Madrid's red badge of courage on the international field is carried this year by Atletico, who qualified for the final of the Cup Winners' Cup again to keep Spanish interest alive in affairs outside the domestic sphere. Real are given to charge £10,000 for their services which sum Stoke City passed over after the late April visit. One conjectures how many more times we are likely to watch Di Stefano and Puskas before they drop out of the game, for whilst neither of them approach Matthews when it comes to matching dates on birth certificates, these two men who have dominated soccer in the Western hemisphere for so long must eventually decide to retire.

Real have still the ability to play a game strictly on their own terms (and I am not referring to the financial aspect) as they did at Stoke, starting with an exhibition of the soccer arts and searing the Victoria Road ground with penetrative and decisive play which Stoke did well to negate. The opportunity of watching Matthews, McIlroy, Puskas and Di Stefano in the same game is unlikely to recur unless some enterprising promoter conjures a match of All-Stars which, with all the attendant difficulties, is a remote possibility.

Amply

Just how important one man thinks the integration of Continental football with British soccer is, was amply stated by Spurs' manager, Billy Nicholson, when he was speaking about Spurs' Cup Winners' semi-final with Yugoslavia, OFK Belgrade. Spurs' mighty hold on English soccer had relaxed in the weeks before the first leg of the encounter and the reports from Belgrade told stories of the local impressions of the training methods and movements of Spurs which were to the effect that these methods appeared antiquated and laboured. Whatever pre-match training display the Spurs put on might well have been a part of the Nicholson "kidology". But Nicholson is on record as saying that if Spurs did not qualify for a place in one of the European competitions, interest at White Hart Lane threatened to drop alarmingly and this comment should be borne in mind at the Football League Annual General Meeting in June when a reconstruction of the League again comes up for review.

The Spurs manager's viewpoint strongly supports much that has been written on this particular subject and we are left to ask ourselves how other major British clubs who are robbed of the opportunity to contest Continentals feel about this state of affairs. Experience counts for so much in the rough and tumble of international club soccer that there can only be the very highest praise for Dundee and their European Champions' Cup feats. That Ian Ure is likely to become accepted as one of the leading centre-halves in the European game is only a short time away and the manner in which this tall, fair haired defender dominates the penalty area is reminiscent of the classical enterprise of a limited few in whose steps he must surely follow.

Underlined

Bob Shankly's anger on the lack of recognition afforded to Dundee's run in the Champions' Cup has already been noted and strongly underlined. But when I heard him speaking on the subject, I gathered this is more or less what he expected of the national press who occasionally give the impression that Scotland is almost as far off as Russia.

That, finally, Dundee were rightfully acknowledged, will have placated the Scots to some extent and also pointed out the virtue of more home spun combinations when it comes to knocking over accepted Giants. Of course, Ure has increased in stature as a player and so have all the members of the side, so that Shankly could sell today at a handsome profit.

Better known

I suppose it is inevitable that some of the players will pass on to other better known clubs and possibly not, at the same time, feel the same pride they have with Dundee this season. Ipswich were unable to come to terms with the European cult when thrown to the wolves across the Channel. Dundee, on the other hand, were and in no small measure.

There is a lesson here, I am sure. Perhaps it is the one we are having brought home to us very forcibly in Britain right now and that is that Scottish players and Scottish soccer has much to offer in the way of courage and forcefulness. The plain, straightforward answer to this is that it has always been so and one would have been blind not to acknowledge the fact previously.

They talk soccer in the same way that they play it. And I do not argue with Scots about football. I am in no mood to feel the claymore. Any questions?

England right-half Gordon Milne finds himself outnumbered two to one by Scottish born Leicester defenders Ian King and Frank McLintock. This picture was taken from the Leicester-Liverpool Cup semi-final which resulted in a 1-0 victory for the former. (M.P.I.)

This was the scene at Naples' ground when rioting fans decided that goalposts would prove useful weapons in their battle against the Italian police. These football supporters (!) did not agree with a decision by the referee. One man died and 100 were injured in this disgusting exhibition of hooliganism. Needless to say, the match was abandoned. (Planet 1.)

FAIR PLAY—AND ALL ITS APPARENT UNFAIRNESS

TALKING POINT by ROGER MACDONALD

APRIL, 1963, was Fair Play Campaign Month. During eleven days of competitive matches organised by the European Football Association—the International Youth Tournament—players behaved like gentlemen. Before the kick-off they shook hands; in the event of an unavoidable infringement, a player automatically apologised to his opponent and helped him to his feet if he had fallen. At the end of each match the teams met in the centre of the ground to salute the spectators, and the losing side congratulated the winning side before calling for three cheers. The two teams left the field together, thanking the referee by shaking his hand. Eminent sportsmen were present in their hundreds to make appeals for fair play. Spectators warmly applauded sporting gestures, and condemned fouls by an ostentatious and icy silence.

Competitive

The devil they did! Let me tell you what really happened in April. During eleven days of competitive matches young players behaved most ungentlemanly towards each other. Before the kick-off they never shook hands; unavoidable infringements were rare, apologies rarer still, and the fallen were left to get up under their own steam. At the end of one notorious match the players met to fight it out in the centre of the ground, one Scottish player bent on obtaining revenge on the five Greeks who had previously kicked him while the referee had his back turned. The spectators, led by a party of Greek officials, attacked the Scottish players and the referee. The referee did not wait for anyone to shake his hand. The fighting continued in the dressing-room corridor, and eventually three Scots, one Greek player, and one Greek official were reprimanded, cautioned or suspended. Spectators, those, that is, who were not already on the field, warmly applauded the rioters. No eminent sportsman made an appeal for Fair Play.

Accurate

There you have an extreme representation of both sides of the picture. The white side is a highly idealistic, and palpably absurd construction from a circular by Hans Bangerter, general secretary of the European F.A. The black side is an accurate account of isolated incidents in the competition, but it is equally unbalanced. As usual, the real truth is merged into a series of greys.

Football is an emotional game. Without emotion, it would soon die. The steady decline of "friendlies" has emphasised the importance of a competitive spirit if it is to thrive.

This spirit manifests itself in many ways. It can be a will to win, a will to fight back, a will to knock hell out of the opposition. It can surely never be a will to play fastidiously within rules written and unwritten, to behave as perfect gentlemen, to pay homage to the referee.

In theory, gamesmanship and foul play should be condemned out of hand. In practice, the handling of the ball to prevent a goal, the obstruction and tripping of players in desperate moments are silently approved. Without them, football would soon degenerate into a parlour game.

Taken individually, Hans Bangerter's suggestions seem sensible. Taken collectively, they seem almost ridiculous. A fast-moving, emotional contest has no time for a multitude of nice gestures, legislated sportsmanship, or pretty speeches. The important thing is still to win, not at all costs, but at some cost if the situation requires it. Most Englishmen are fed up with being good losers. A suppression of emotion leads to a suppression of talent as well.

This is not meant to give *carte blanche* to the general thuggery which has infiltrated our major competitions. Calculated, sadistic brutality is a long way from spontaneous illegality. The vicious pre-determined aggression aimed at injuring an opponent irrespective of the state of play needs to be stamped out ruthlessly. But referees who penalise bodily contact for its own sake and officials who send out naive circulars have lost all sense of proportion and, worse still, all sense of direction. By firing aimlessly into a big wood you cannot expect to hit the right tree.

EIRE ROUND-UP by TOM MULDOWNEY—*from page 17*

sion. Especially O'Reilly, Rowe and Cross. Some Eire players never appear in Europe's top flight. Those three have gone through it once before. Red O'Reilly was with Shamrock Rovers when they visited Old Trafford after the 6-0 Dublin debacle against Manchester United. And later helped Limerick leap to League limelight and play Young Boys Berne in the only European cup tie played outside the metropolis.

Tommy Rowe and Dermot Cross, the twinkled toed Tolka twins, faced Atletico Madrid in sunny Spain, when Drumcondra made their disastrous first show in the European Cup.

They may not ensure Dundalk with an extended interest. But with confidence the keynote, they may well improve on past performances of Eire's champions.

From this part of WORLD SOCCER: a salute to Shelbourne and Dundalk, to youth and experience. They are worthy standard bearers of the Emerald Isle in Europe's 1963-64 glamour group. Their supporters wish them every success. Soccermen all should join in the chorus. And so say all of us. And so say all of us.

"Shamrock Curtain" to go?

Irish News by COLIN McALPIN

"DISTILLERY v. Shamrock Rovers, Irish Cup Final." Dreaming! No, not if a certain group of Irish football officials have their way. They plan to get an all-Ireland knock-out cup competition started in the very near future.

Irish League secretary Mr. Jimmy Long went south a few weeks back with a party of Irish League officials to have "exploratory talks" with Eire officials led by League of Ireland secretary Mr. Ted Dowling. What the outcome of these talks was I don't (at the time of writing) know but already fans both sides of the "Shamrock Curtain" are talking about the idea. There are mixed feelings about the whole idea and I think one of the big talking points is the plan to have all matches staged in Belfast and Dublin.

As I said in a recent *Soccer Star* article I don't think supporters of, say, Derry City or Coleraine will take kindly to the idea of having to come to Belfast — or even Dublin — to see their team in the Cup-tie. Again it would be pretty useless bringing, say, Cork Celtic all the way to Belfast to play Portadown.

The idea of having the main centres in Belfast and Dublin was to cut out expenses and travel but I feel the officials who had this brainwave did not realise that if Derry were drawn to play Cork in Dublin both teams would be out of pocket travelling where only one would be if the draw was Derry v. Cork in Derry. Follow me?

Anyway it seems a good idea when all is said and done. There are, of course, many more things that could be said against it; who will be invited to take part in the first place? Where will the final be held? But in the long run such a move could do only good for the sport in Ireland. While in other parts of the globe soccer is on the up and up, in Ireland it is going down slowly but surely.

Think of the added attractions, the big draws as the team of the moment from the League of Ireland steps out to meet its counterpart from the Irish League. Apart from anything else this move will draw the cup competition on both sides out a bit longer for I remember writing in a previous edition of WORLD SOCCER that any cup competition which gives you three games and then reaches the final leaves much to be desired.

I only hope the officials looking into the idea don't let it get out of hand like a certain other North-South Cup venture which I will not take the trouble of naming.

A frightening fact was revealed recently by an official of the League when he said that the entire Irish League did not raise the gate much above that of a team the size of Aberdeen. In other words one club is getting gates much the same as an entire League. What a stunning thought, indeed it really frightens me, for it was later learnt that the two County Antrim Shield games between Ards and Cliftonville Olympic raised less than £40. Gates are going down at Ards and, in fact, at most grounds but still good news comes from the same official who slammed us with the Aberdeen story. He says that gates over the season have shown a steady upward trend. Happy, happy thought.

Happy again

This obviously means that the little box in the corner has started to lose the grip it had over the male population. It might, of course, mean also that the playing standards are going up which is another happy thought.

Aberdeen might get good gates but do they provide the variety of an entire League? Ah, that's the thing. . . .

On the news front from the clubs things are (at the time of writing) fairly quiet. The race for the championship and a place in the European Cup is hotting up considerably with Linfield and Portadown sharing top place and Distillery following behind.

By the time you read this things might have changed very much but I still think Distillery might do it. There is the distinct possibility, though, that a repeat of last season's end will take place with Linfield and Portadown playing off for the title. Tune in again next month and read what actually happens (I can't wait myself to see).

In spite of a not too happy time at the Oval, Derry-born Matt Doherty, Glentoran's inter-League inside-forward, is to remain in the East End. Of late he has been switched about so much he has forgotten his original position and as a result of this felt he was not giving of his best. Rumours had it that he was going back north to Derry City but the Glentoran directors said they would not let him go to another Irish League club.

Happy news for big Albert Campbell of Crusaders. He played centre-half against Wales in the international at Windsor Park last month. However well he played (the game had not been staged when I wrote these notes) he must feel happy at the comeback he made.

Just before the games against Greece and West Germany in the World Cup preliminaries he had to drop out of the reckoning because of a knee injury. On top of all this he had a series of misunderstandings with the Shore Road club and expressed his desire to leave. His form slumped, he went into the reserves for a few games — a thing unheard of for Campbell for he was always reckoned to be Crusaders — and lost the title of captain (this went to Norman Pavis, one of the characters at Seaview, one of the many I should say). Now back to his usual terrific club form he has been rewarded with a cap he should have had a long time ago. I am also happy to see he did not have to join Linfield to get his honour — justice has been done.

A good point was raised by Crusaders

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Far-reaching—that's the boot of Ireland's amateur left-back Campbell as he clears from England outside-right Candy in an amateur international. (P.A.I.)

South American Championship spotlighted by GORDON JEFFERY

BOLIVIAN TRIUMPH WITH RESERVATION

REPORT FROM SOUTH AMERICA

THE twenty-first South American Championship has been won, as it has so often been in the past, by the host country — in this case, Bolivia. It was the first time that the Tournament had been staged in Bolivia, and it was the first time that it had been won by Bolivia. In addition, just to keep the fervour flaming, it was left to the last day's matches for the Bolivians to make sure of victory. Here are how the matches had resulted up to that final day:

First day:
Bolivia 4, Ecuador 4.....La Paz
Argentina 4, Colombia 2—Cochabamba
Brazil 1, Peru 0.....Cochabamba
Second day:
Peru 2, Argentina 1.....Cochabamba
Third day:
Paraguay 3, Ecuador 1.....La Paz
Brazil 5, Colombia 1.....La Paz
Fourth day:
Bolivia 2, Colombia 1.....Cochabamba

(At this early stage it can be noted that five of the seven competing countries had gained at least one victory — Ecuador and Colombia were the sad exceptions; but that only Brazil had not dropped at least one point.)

Fifth day:
Peru 2, Ecuador 1.....La Paz
Paraguay 2, Brazil 0.....La Paz
Sixth day:
Argentina 4, Ecuador 2.....Cochabamba
Paraguay 3, Colombia 2.....Cochabamba
Seventh day:
Bolivia 3, Peru 2.....La Paz
Eighth day:
Peru 1, Colombia 1.....La Paz
Argentina 3, Brazil 0.....La Paz
Bolivia 2, Paraguay 0.....Cochabamba
Ninth day:
Brazil 2, Ecuador 2.....Cochabamba
Paraguay 4, Peru 1.....Cochabamba
Tenth day:
Bolivia 3, Argentina 2.....La Paz

Thus with one day left for play, Peru had completed their programme of six matches with two wins (over Ecuador and, surprisingly, over Argentina), one draw (over Colombia), and three defeats for a total of five points. The certain bottom pair of countries, Ecuador and Colombia, had to play each other and the only interest in their meeting was whether one of the two would gain their first win, or would Ecuador add another to their two draws, and Colombia to their lone draw.

The other two matches — between Bolivia and Brazil, and between Paraguay and Argentina — were of real significance to the determination of the championship, with the table then reading:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bolivia	5	4	1	0	14	9	9
Paraguay	5	4	0	1	12	6	8
Argentina	5	3	0	2	14	9	6
Brazil	5	2	1	2	8	8	5

For Bolivia the situation was that, therefore, a win for them over Brazil would clinch the championship; a draw would give them the same number of points as Paraguay — providing that Paraguay beat Argentina. Even a defeat of Bolivia by Brazil would not end their chance of the championship if Paraguay failed to win.

Paraguay's only chance of winning the championship conclusively was for them to beat Argentina and for Bolivia to lose to Brazil; but they would earn a play-off with Bolivia if the latter drew with Brazil whilst Paraguay won, or if Bolivia lost to Brazil whilst they themselves drew with Argentina. An interesting finish but, in the event, one that the Bolivians settled by beating Brazil by the odd goal of nine.

The actual final day results were:

Ecuador 4, Colombia 3.....La Paz
Argentina 1, Paraguay 1.....La Paz
Bolivia 5, Brazil 4.....Cochabamba

And the final table thus reads:

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts.
Bolivia	6	5	1	19	13	11
Paraguay	6	4	1	13	7	9
Argentina	6	3	1	15	10	7
Brazil	6	2	1	12	13	5
Peru	6	2	1	8	11	5
Ecuador	6	1	2	14	18	4
Colombia	6	0	1	10	19	1

Bolivia after getting off to an uncertain start and dropping a point and conceding four goals to Ecuador, who subsequently showed themselves to be of only indifferent ability, moved on to defeat each of the five other countries and, on that reckoning, fully deserved to win the Championship. That having been written, however, it is proper to emphasise the defects in the Tournament so far as its authority to enthrone the Continental champions is concerned.

That neither Chile, largely because of governmental differences with Bolivia outside of the influence of soccerdom, and Uruguay, sent parties to take part is not important. One does not invalidate the European Nations Cup because Scotland and West Germany are non-starters; nor, for that matter, the past World Cup because Austria chose not to enter. What did, however, weaken the importance of the twenty-first South American Championship was that Argentina sent what they termed their "B" team, and Brazil, their "C" team.

Whether those matches in which Brazil and Argentina were involved should or should not be counted as Full Internationals is a different matter. Since the Championship is one officially recognised by F.I.F.A. as between the Full national sides of the South American nation, they probably should be. If River Plate and Boca Juniors in Argentina, and Santos and Botafogo in Brazil, call the tune, that is the affair of Argentina and Brazil, not of the South American Confederation and F.I.F.A. On the other hand it can be argued that since the leading clubs of both countries were deeply involved in important club tournaments, the alternative to sending reserve national teams to Bolivia was not to compete at all which would have been most unfair to the Bolivians, eager to make the most of their first staging of the Championship.

Assessed

The definition of the Brazil and Argentina matches is largely something for our little band of statisticians to argue about: the simple fact for the world soccer student is that the results of their matches have to be assessed in the knowledge that theirs were weaker than Full sides. This was particularly true of Brazil of course, but less so, less than since the final results they have suggested, of Argentina.

Argentina's Rossi leaves the field after the match with Peru carrying his shirt. Peru won 2-1. Police restrain another Argentinian. (Planet.)

Arms outstretched, Bolivia's Ugarte celebrates his team's first goal during the match with Brazil. Bolivia won 5-4. (Planet.)

It is true that the latter were without the Boca and River Plate players but they did include, at various times, several of the players who had drawn and beaten Chile in the November matches for the Carlos Dittborn Trophy, a smattering of World Cup players, and previous Full International players.

And all of the players were from Argentinian First Division — a very different proposition from that of the Brazilian selection. Here, to attempt a parallel with English football, it was as if the party had been picked from Southern League clubs. Last month I was able to give the line-up of the team from the Minas Gerais region of Brazil (centred around the town of Belo Horizonte, the scene of that sensational World Cup defeat of England by the U.S.A. in 1950), who had gained a surprise victory over a much-below strength Sao Paulo representative eleven.

Reward for the Minas Gerais players was the chance to represent Brazil in the South American Championship — and a further reward for some of them may well be entry into the "big time" of Brazilian football with Rio or Sao Paulo clubs. Marcial, the goalkeeper, for example, seems likely to sign for Flamengo, and the Minas Gerais captain, Procopio, and the inside-left, Tiao Macale, are others who have attracted favourable attention.

Motive

Brazil and Argentina apart, there was no question but that the remaining five countries were in full earnest and Bolivia's ultimate triumph remains commendable. The high altitude of the country does present difficulties to foreign players but less so over a month-long tournament than for a flying visit for a single match, and I do not attach great importance to this geographical feature — any more than I do to tales of English mud.

There were several unfortunate incidents during the Tournament with the second day match between Peru and the Argentine developing into a "Battle of Cochabamba" that apparently made the Chile-Italy "Battle of Santiago" during the World Cup seem like a Sunday School outing squabble. Much of the blame has been directed to the Bolivian camp with the feeling that the Bolivians were "out to win by hook or by crook", and that the authorities were prepared to accept, if not encourage, the mob element amongst the crowds trying to intimidate opposing players: that the police did little or nothing to intervene effectively; and that those referees who might have kept stricter (and more impartial) control of some of the matches were kept on the sidelines and not employed in the middle.

Reports I have studied from several sources contain a great deal of conflicting statements however, and I am not convinced that Bolivia were nearly as black as some would paint them. It is, for example, difficult to see what their motive would have been in encouraging Peru to literally attack the Argentinian players on the *second* day. If this had happened on one of the last days with Argentina possibly close on the heels of Bolivia at the head of the table, there would obviously be more grounds for suspicion. As it was, in the early stages of the competition, it was Brazil's "C" team who were the most successful — yet the Brazilian reports I have seen so far have no semblance of complaint about the organisation, or of their reception.

What is true I think is that the level of football was not very high in the Tournament. Argentina had probably the best players but, as they had done in Chile in the World Cup, they failed to maintain even an average level of competence but instead wavered between moments of brilliance and others of mediocrity.

Paraguay have still a hang-over from the week in the autumn of 1961 when Mexico got the only goal scored in the two meetings between the countries to earn a place in the 1962 World Cup finals. Paraguay still are desperately committed to defence, and hope for goals only in breakaways — these came more easily, it can be noted, against the generally poorer sides like Peru, Ecuador and Colombia. Still that they did get the runners-up place may act as an encouraging spur to the Paraguayans who are due for a soccer revival.

There are several "new names" coming into the Paraguayan line-ups. Breglia, Lezcano, the two Insfrans, and Cecilio Martinez remain of the defeated World Cup qualifying players; Bobadilla, Arambulo, Cabrera and Rodriguez of those who played against Brazil in the latter's World Cup warming-up matches of a year ago; but Victor Gonzalez, the 'keeper; defenders, Osorio and Calonga; and forwards, Quinonez, Valdez, Ayala (there was money in that name had we in Britain on Grand National day known it!), and Zarate are new to me. The latter, incidentally, shared top place in the Tournament's goal-scorers' list with Ecuador's Raffo, and Argentina's M. Rodriguez. Each of them scored five during the Championship.

Behind that trio in the goal-scorers' list came five players with four goals apiece — two from Bolivia, Alcocer (who toured Europe with Always Ready last year) and Castillo; two from Brazil, Flavio and the left-winger, Oswaldo; and Argentina's Savoy, the inside-left of Chacarita Juniors.

Six players, two Paraguayan, two Bolivian and one Brazilian (the nobly named Marco Antonio) and one Argentinian, scored three goals apiece. Colombian players make their first appearances further down the list with three players, Campillo, Coll and Gamboa, having scored two goals apiece. For Peru, the most goal-shy of the seven countries with only eight goals in six matches, no player scored more than once.

Peru had been amongst the first of the seven countries to select and announce their players for the Championships and, presumably, to prepare them. Of the thirteen players who took part in the match against England in Lima last May immediately before the World Cup finals, the goalkeeper Bazan; Guzman, Donayre, and De la Vega of the defenders; and Zegarra, and Mosquera of the forwards, were amongst the twenty-four players listed for the Championships.

Sensed

The Peruvians played rather better than the final table suggests one suspects from a second look at the actual match results. Except in their final match, when they lost four-one to a Paraguay team that had sensed that they had a chance of winning the Championship, Peru were never more than a goal in arrears of their opponents when the final whistle blew. (Conversely they were never more than a goal in advance!)

The biggest disappointment was undoubtedly Colombia's. It is true that it was no more than an organisational blunder that a place in the last sixteen in the World Cup was reserved for the winners of a qualifying group consisting of Colombia and Peru; but it is also true that in the World Cup finals Colombia gave quite a useful account of themselves, losing their first match by only the odd goal in three to Uruguay (and losing the services of their finest forward, Gamboa,

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A Rival for the World Cup Trophy

story of the European Nations Cup by ERIC BATTY

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while playing for an adopted country and have accordingly decided to try their luck with a home-made team. The only exception to that rule is centre-forward Sormani, Brazilian-born and an ex-Santos player, but generally the new boss, Edmundo Fabbri, appears to be making progress. His plans, of course, are still hampered by the large number of foreigners currently playing regularly for the top clubs, and thereby keeping young Italians out of league football. Fabbri's problems are not in fact the *stranieri* but *oriundi* who can and do become naturalised Italians, and when their beloved Azzuri is not doing well the press and public demand to know why the descendants of Lojacono, Manfredini and Schiaffino are not being called up. For the good of the game it is to be hoped the Italians do well, for fielding a League of Nations team is little less than a mockery, but I rather doubt if they will be able to oust Russia, the holders of the Nations Cup. In the last two years the Russians have shown themselves to be aware of their shortcomings and appear to be moving towards a more flexible and imaginative game.

Since the World Cup, however, the Russians have been very quiet in the international arena, and this is one of the more open second round ties. The Swiss, too, are rebuilding not really voluntarily but because they have little choice. Karl Rappan, who took over for the World Cup bid and achieved a miracle in steering Switzerland through to Chile where they failed to gain a point, had a two stage programme. The first was to restore some confidence in his squad which he did by recalling the old guard, and the second brought into the open after the World Cup was to rebuild as fast as possible. For Rappan and the Swiss, the Nations Cup came too soon, and the Dutch, deprived of the Feijenoord stars for the first leg, had little difficulty in running up a 3-1 lead that proved to be enough.

Now Holland meet Luxembourg and there's little doubt about their ability to reach the last eight.

Counts

Austria v. Eire brings two of Europe's poor relations into conflict and frankly, few people outside these two countries will care much who wins. The despairing Austrian fans now talk of good football exclusively in the past tense, while the Republic of Ireland, whose best players have always joined English clubs simply because teams in Eire cannot offer them comparable financial awards, have to beg the players' bosses to let their men play! Repeatedly the Irish have been forced to stage their internationals on Sundays in Dublin and in mid-week away so that the players can play first for their English clubs. Selected to play for Eire a player employed in England invariably has to turn out in a league match on Saturday and then take an overnight boat or an early-morning plane to get him over to Dalymount Park in time for Sunday's game. Whether Ireland's players are up to international standard is another question altogether, but clearly the methods they are forced to adopt are far from ideal.

Bulgaria v. France is an intriguing tie — giving the French a chance to avenge their World Cup elimination. In that series they won well in Paris, lost 1-0 in Sofia and went down by the same margin in the play-off but this time the odds appear to be in their favour for goal average counts in the Nations Cup, and the Bulgars don't travel well. They did exceptionally well to beat Portugal, though it is well known that the Benfica stars never distinguish themselves for the National team, but Bulgaria were without two stars, the captain, Ivan Kolev, and goalkeeper, Najdenov, who were both suspended shortly before the Rome play-off for leading their CDNA colleagues off the pitch when the referee gave local rivals Levski a penalty!

Jiri Cadek of Dukla Prague and Czechoslovakia is a full-back who believes in putting everything he has into his game! (Meteimann.)

France, too, have their problems for the 5-2 win over England was France's first international win for eighteen months. Their defence is sound, and in midfield Douis and Bonnel show promise, but the team as a whole lacks variety and they are too willing to fall back *en masse* to defend their goal. Their boss, Jules Verriest, has been widely criticised ever since his appointment, and at a time when their domestic football appears to be crumbling at the foundations it seems unlikely that they will be able to build a team comparable to that which did so well in 1958 — at least not in the near future.

Performers

Sweden qualified to meet Yugoslavia by beating their neighbours Norway, who have seldom been able to muster a creditable team, and are still no test. The Swedes, who have produced a whole string of outstanding performers since the war, are still unable to retain their products, however, who are promptly whisked away to Italy, Spain and France as soon as they prove themselves to be above average. There is a move afoot to introduce a limited form of professionalism but the clubs are against it and it seems the drift will continue. Sweden, then, are not a force any more and the Yugoslavs should account for them without great difficulty. The Slavs did well to eliminate young and improving Belgium and it is interesting to note that Perusic, who was one of their stars in the last Nations Cup team, is now back in favour after failing to make the Chile trip.

If they can account for Sweden, Yugoslavia will probably be reinforced for the quarter-finals by the return of Sekularac, without doubt one of the most talented (if unpredictable) inside-forwards in Europe. With Sekki, and perhaps a little more punch up front, the Yugoslavs would be a match for anyone.

After one of their worst years on record in 1961, Northern Ireland improved a little last year, but surprised even their best friends by beating Poland twice. The Poles, of course, are unpredictable, jerking forward and then sliding back again promptly following a good performance against one of the top class European teams, but Ireland, who have been soundly beaten by England, Scotland and Wales this season, are the last British team interested in the Nations Cup.

Now Ireland are due to meet Spain, who are themselves unreliable, and much will depend on whether Spain can run up a commanding lead in the first leg which will be played in Madrid. The Spaniards have given a real free hand to Atletico Madrid boss, Jose Villalonga, who is consistently ignoring the imported stars like Di Stefano, Puskas and Santamaria, who all went to Chile. Spain's hopes rest largely on Atletico Madrid who not surprisingly provide the backbone of Villalonga's team. The defence is sound, and in attack the left-wing pair, Guillot (Valencia) and either Collar (Atletico) or Gento (Real), carry most of the power.

Guillot particularly is worth watching, for

although only twenty-one, is a key man in Valencia's team and bursting with ability.

The final second round tie is Denmark v. Albania, and in common with the Austria-Eire fixture it's unlikely to stir any interest outside Copenhagen or Tirana. The Albanians have only allowed outsiders one brief peep at their football when they ventured into the Europa Cup this season and though Norrkoping accounted for them and then failed immediately themselves against Benfica it would perhaps be premature to assume Denmark will beat them. The Danes should win naturally in Copenhagen but two-legged ties call for a particular approach — packing the penalty area away, and winning at home — and if the Danes fail to run up a good lead anything seems possible.

Ventured

The Danes themselves have problems for, like the Swedes, they are amateurs and susceptible to tempting offers from the Latin countries. After building an excellent team for the 1960 Olympics — played in Italy of all places (!) — they lost their best players, and had to start again.

The second round ties have all to be played before October 31, and it seems most likely that the semi-finalists will be gathered together for the last four matches as they were in the first series. The semi-finals, play off for the third place, and the final are scheduled for the spring of 1964 and the most likely hosts will be Spain though of course they will back out if they fail to qualify.

If Spain don't reach the last four finding a host will present quite a problem for the Eastern countries have shown themselves reluctant to stage tournaments where the visiting teams will demand a share of the proceeds and want payment to be made in gold or dollars which is now the international currency for football.

Finally my tip for the last eight: **Russia, Holland, Hungary, Austria, France, Yugoslavia, Spain,** and **Denmark.**

FIRST ROUND

Italy	6	Turkey	0
Turkey	0	**Italy**	1
Russia bye.			
Luxembourg bye.			
Holland	3	Switzerland	1
Switzerland	1	**Holland**	1
East Germany	2	Czechoslovakia	1
Czechoslovakia	1	**East Germany**	1
Hungary	3	Wales	1
Wales	1	**Hungary**	1
Austria bye.			
Eire	4	Iceland	2
Iceland	1	**Eire**	1
Bulgaria	3	Portugal	1
Portugal	3	**Bulgaria**	1
Play-off:			
Bulgaria	1	Portugal	0
England	1	**France**	1
France	5	England	2
Norway	0	**Sweden**	2
Sweden	1	Norway	1
Yugoslavia	3	Belgium	2
Belgium	0	**Yugoslavia**	1
Spain	6	Rumania	0
Rumania	3	**Spain**	1
Poland	0	**N. Ireland**	2
N. Ireland	2	Poland	0
Denmark	6	Malta	1
Malta	1	**Denmark**	3
Greece v. **Albania**			
Greece forfeit.			

A MOMENTOUS DECISION

recalled by Norman D. Reich

SOUTH Africa has met the challenge of the African Football Confederation fairly and squarely with one of the most momentous decisions in its soccer history. The Football Association of Southern Africa is to enter a non-White team in the 1966 series of the World Cup.

And so, with one sweeping unanimous vote, they have swept away the foundation of the A.F.C.'s case to be put before the F.I.F.A. 1964 Congress in Tokyo. The A.F.C. is resolved to see South Africa ousted from the International Federation again.

The move came from the National Football League at the annual meeting of F.A.S.A. recently.

The entry is to be put before F.I.F.A. immediately and preparations will shortly begin in bringing the side together. South Africa is confident that her non-White players will do well and it is not beyond them to qualify for the finals in Britain in 1966.

The meeting was the stormiest in history, for there were other more controversial topics brought up. Mr. Fred Fell, so long South Africa's "Mr. Soccer" was opposed in the President election for the first time in twenty-six years. His opponent was Mr. Dave Snaier, boss of the Southern Transvaal F.A. The Provinces came to the meeting already aligned into two camps and it was Mr. Fell who got the vote for the twenty-seventh successive time. Mr. Snaier—already a vice-president — withdrew from F.A.S.A. completely and also vacated this post.

The Indian Football Association joined F.A.S.A. and the Coloured F.A. has made application to join. There can now be no doubt about who is the top body in South African soccer. The Bantu F.A. has previously been granted affiliation.

The non-White World Cup move may have started another notable shift of support. Several of the top Cape Town non-White professional teams have left the South African Professional League to join the ranks of those pro clubs under F.A.S.A. jurisdiction. These include Oceans 11 and Mother City, so long pace setters in Cape Town's non-White leagues.

Competitive soccer got off to a fantastic start with the début of the Champions of Champions tourney under floodlights. Three matches were watched by a total of 65,000 spectators — a fantastic figure for soccer in the Republic. And what a splendid way the fruits were distributed? The three games ended in pulsating draws and Highlands Park (League Champions), Durban City (Castle Cup holders) and Germiston Callies (U.C.T. Floodlight Bowl winners) shared the prize money and the trophy. A truly magnificent pipe-opener to the new season.

The National League received another windfall — and a truly significant one at that. The Afrikaans weekly newspaper of Cape Town — traditionally supporters of the Rugby Union code — stepped into a sponsor's role with a cheque for £2,000 for the First Division League championship. Hitherto, the Champions have only received the Dave Marais trophy but now they will also be £1,000 the richer. The next five teams will receive the other £1,000 among them on a sliding scale not yet determined.

Accepted

The National Football League's Eastern Cape Second Division will get under way in April. The teams accepted will come from Port Elizabeth, East London and the surrounding area as follows: Port Elizabeth — P.E. United, P.E. City, Newton Park, P.E. Municipals, Callies, Humerail Rangers; East London — E.L. City, E.L. United; Grahamstown — Saints; Uitenhage — Uitenhage.

George Ryder, Durban City's brilliant young goalkeeper in action in a match with Highlands Park. (O.2.)

Australian ban body blow to New Zealand's place

In attempting to raise standards one country finds the suspension of another embarrassing

Story by D. D. M. STEWART

DURING the last few months, soccer players, supporters and administrators in New Zealand have been wondering whether the F.I.F.A. really appreciates the damage which is being done to football in New Zealand by the ban on Australia.

In spite of New Zealand's own approaches to the F.I.F.A., and the negotiations carried on by the Australians themselves, there does not appear, from this end of the world, to be a settlement in the offing. In the meantime, Australia is banned from playing against other countries, and other countries are banned from playing against Australian teams under penalty of forfeiting their own rights to membership of the international body.

Without the spur of competition with the stronger Australian sides, soccer in New Zealand is at present standing still. It has been stressed over and over again that a weak nation can only raise its own standards with the help of the stronger countries nearby, and yet New Zealand is in the position of having its stronger neighbour branded an outlaw, an "untouchable".

Advocacy

The position is growing so acute in New Zealand that, at the annual meeting of the N.Z.F.A. last month, serious consideration was given to New Zealand's withdrawing from the F.I.F.A. so that it would be free to play matches against Australia and so improve the standard of play in this country. Understandably, the improvement of the standard of play, and the improvement of the sport here as a spectator-attraction and a money-puller, are two of the prize aims of the national body. Without the help of Australia, this just cannot be done.

Fortunately, wiser counsels prevailed at the annual meeting, but it was a close thing. It was decided that New Zealand should stay with F.I.F.A. to see if some improvement will result, but some of the country's leading administrators were very strong in their advocacy of withdrawal.

Since the ban has been in force, very few touring sides have been seen in New Zealand. The English F.A. team in 1961 is the only team of strength to have visited the country in the last six seasons. The plain fact is that a team from Europe just cannot afford to travel to New Zealand to play a series of matches, as the gates in our country will not pay for the trip. In the days when matches could be played in Australia on the way, trips could be made, but at the present time the ban on Australia is keeping away from New Zealand not only the Australians but also all teams from European countries. In the last three seasons a number of European teams have expressed their interest in playing in New Zealand, but negotiations have come to nothing. The reason is not hard to understand.

What is especially galling to New Zealanders is that they are, in some respects, the only ones who seem to be taking the F.I.F.A. ban seriously, and they are the main sufferers.

A number of strong players have been lost to New Zealand because, when they wished to come here from Australia, the N.Z.F.A. has stood by the F.I.F.A. ruling and said that they cannot be allowed to play here as Australia is under suspension.

They are therefore interested and a little surprised to read that players from Australia appear to be welcomed with open arms into a number of European countries, in spite of the fact that they have played soccer in Australia while that country was under suspension. These have included John Watkiss, formerly of Sydney, who is now (and it is no secret) playing with Wolves. A number of the Austrian and Polish players who emigrated and played in Australia are now back in their home countries playing without impediment.

The strength of the game in Australia at the present time is terrific, compared with that of only six years ago. New Zealand administrators are looking enviously across the Tasman and wishing that our own code here could benefit from this. Australia and New Zealand are long-established partners on the field of sport, with Australia helping New Zealand in cricket, and New Zealand helping Australia in Rugby. Australia would like to help New Zealand in soccer, but this is not now allowed, to the detriment of the sport.

Turning

Soccer in New Zealand is going through a period of great opportunity. Many supporters are turning away from Rugby as that game is placing more and more emphasis on defensive tactics and is becoming less interesting as a spectacle. Rival codes are seeking to cash in on this by displaying their own wares in the very best possible light and, if New Zealand could raise its soccer standards only slightly, the gain in spectator-support in the next few years could be tremendous.

New Zealanders seek the assistance of the F.I.F.A. in this.

GREAT RHODESIAN PROMISE HELD

by NORMAN D. REICH

This season promises to be the fullest for both the Rhodesias. Southern Rhodesia has an Olympic Games qualifier with the Sudan in Salisbury and Northern Rhodesia hopes to fit a game in with the North Africans on their way down or on the way home. The North have invited Ethiopia and Uganda to play in the territory while the South are negotiating for a British club. Chelsea almost accepted but turned down the offer because of the long freeze which has caused a fixture build-up.

Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspurs are now on the list — the latter are also negotiating to play in the Republic. But it may be St. Mirren who are actually seen. There has been contact between the S.R.F.A. and the Kenya F.A. on a tour by the Scottish side to East Africa and the Rhodesias.

Then there is the annual North-South clash to add to the list. The Rhodesian Castle Cup is expected to be a much better organised affair than in previous years — it is hoped to play it off during the actual season and not to latch it on to the end.

It is not surprising, then, that players, officials and the public are keenly looking forward to the 1963 season.

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IRISH NEWS
by COLIN McALPIN

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chairman, Mr. Tommy Moorehead, recently on the subject of other clubs trying to "poach" promising youngsters from Seaview.

"Take a look round the League," he said, "and imagine the sort of team we would have had if we'd managed to keep our players."

He was speaking out against teams who said they would have nothing to do with sham amateurs. Money, as Mr. Moorehead should know, talks, but I expect to see fireworks if any of the promising set of lads leave the Shore Road for other clubs....

Linfield's international goalkeeper Bobby Irvine is being watched by Stoke City, who have Jimmy McIlroy. Developments could develop, as they say. Watch the newspapers anyway as I expect Stoke manager, Tony Waddington, to make a bid.

So many Irish League players are either going or thinking of going to Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa or America that Moses is being made to look like a day tripper.

Look at this list of players already out or on the verge of leaving: Ken Beattie (Portadown), Jimmy Lowe and Vince Maguire (Ards), Pat Munster (Bangor), Billy Swain (ex-Distillery and Brantwood of the "B" Division).

Tommy Forde (ex-Ards and Distillery and former international centre-half) is leaving at the end of the season and an Ovalite is secretly planning to leave if he can get a job and a club.

Put this lot on a football field, add the greatest goalkeeper Crusaders ever had (Tommy Walker) who went to New Zealand some seasons ago, and it should make up a pretty strong team — Emigrants United or just plain "Rovers".

Finally a word about some of the managers or player-managers in the League. Will Geoff Twentyman stay with Ballymena United? He wanted to try for the then vacant Carlisle post but nothing came of it. Big talk now is will he remain at the Show Grounds? I would hate to guess on this one. Wait and see as that bloke once said.

Distress

Sammy McCrory came and gave Crusaders quite a bit of uplift (not, however, in their League position). His coming to Seaview was a popular one and there is some distress at the fact that as he did not sign a contract when he came from England he might not be stopping with the "Hatchet Men". Have no fear, I feel the committee at Seaview will retain him and a wise move too.

At Bangor Clancy McDermott will almost certainly stay boss and carry on the work he has been doing this season in trying to get the seasiders off the proverbial mat.

Isaac McDowell will, I feel, be asked to continue at the Oval although he did not bring the Glens all seven cups like he did the Blues the season previous. He has worked them into a good, fighting side and they will be coming out for the 1963-64 season full of confidence. Always assuming there is a 1963-64 season....

The Chileans boycotted the South American Championships for reasons given in Gordon Jeffery's article. Here the Chile national team parades before an international, led by Sergio Navarro, Jaime Ramirez, Raul Sanchez and Luis Eyzaguirre. (O.)

NUCLEUS FROM CLUB TEAMS

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look at the "World Cup Forty" of the Finalists should suffice. Czechoslovakia included no less than eleven Dukla players — Kouba, Novak, Cadek, Masopust, Pluskal, Dvorak, Kucera, Vacenovsky, Borovicka, Adamek and Jelinek — a complete team, in fact. Brazil selected nine Santos men — Gilmar, Mauro, Calvet, Zito, Dorval, Mengalvio, Coutinho, Pelé and Pepe — all of whom travelled to Chile; and five Botafogo players — N. Santos, Garrincha, Didi, Quarentinha and Zagallo — four of whom played in the Final!

The trend towards a two-club team has been a marked one since 1958. Then, Brazil used seventeen players, including four from Botafogo, N. Santos, Didi, Dida and Garrincha—Zagallo was still with the Flamengo club, who also provided Joel for the Swedish party. Vasco da Gama had three — Bellini, the captain; Orlando, now playing for Rome; and Vava, transferred to Palmeiras via Atletico Madrid. Sao Paulo had two representatives, Sordi and Dino Sani, while Portuguesa's right-back, Djalma Santos, was a surprise choice for the Final. He is now with Palmeiras. Zozimo, as ever, carried the flag of Bangu. Santos had only two representatives, Zito and Pelé, as Gilmar's transfer from Corinthians was still in the offing, and the reserve centre-half, Mauro, was a member of another club (Sao Paulo) in any case. To sum up, Brazil used seventeen players from eight clubs in 1958; twelve from four in 1962. Fourteen of the Chile party came from two clubs only. Times have changed.

It would be rash to suggest that reliance on one or two club sides automatically brings success, but most of the outstanding teams in the history of world football have enjoyed the nucleus of a strong club eleven. As far back as 1924 Uruguay's Olympic team included six men from Nacional; seven Penarol players (Maspoli, Andrade, Varela, Ghiggia, Miguez, Schiaffino and Vidal) took part in their 1950 World Cup triumph. Italy relied heavily on Juventus before the war and Torino immediately after it. Nine Juventus footballers (Combi, Rosetta, Caligaris, Monti, Bertolini, Cesarini, Borel II, Ferrari and Orsi) were in the team which beat Hungary 1-0 in 1933; ten of the famed Torino side (Ballarin, Maroso, Grezar, Rigamonti, Castigliano, Monti, Loik, Gabetto, Mazzola and Ferraris II) helped to beat the Magyars by the odd goal again fourteen years later.

Reached

The Spanish team that inflicted England's first defeat in a full international in 1929 included five Real Madrid players — Quesada, Prats, Pena, Lazcano, and Rubio. Spain reached a new peak during 1959-60 when up to seven Barcelona players (Ramallets, Olivella, Gracia, Gensana, Segarra, Suarez and Martinez) were regularly selected.

Arsenal provided seven footballers for the England team against Italy in 1934: they were Moss, Male, Hapgood, Copping, Bowden, Drake, and Bastin. In 1936-37, they were all capped again, together with Crayston, Hulme, Joy, Kirchen and Roberts — 12 in all. England seemed, by chance rather than by design, to be returning to a club nucleus in 1957, when Byrne, Edwards and Taylor of Manchester United were regularly picked for England. Two other defenders, Wood and Foulkes, had already been capped, while Colman and Pegg were pressing hard for recognition in the right-half and and outside-left positions. In view of previous and subsequent selections, it is by no means improbable that the England forward line today would read Pegg, Charlton, Taylor, Viollet and Quixall — all Manchester United. But, alas, the Munich air crash shattered this dream, and England have never really recovered. The argument seems conclusive: England can never hope to mould the players sufficiently under present conditions; the alternative, the only alternative, is to build on a club.

ARGENTINA HAS BEST RECORD

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from the official version in 1959—and only Chile took part from the very beginning. Bolivia's beating in 1927 was sufficient to keep them out of the Championship until 1945. Peru's best effort came in their fourth competition, 1939, but their strongest team was undoubtedly the one which took part in the 1959 tournament. Colombia's entry has been hesitant and spasmodic, while Venezuela content themselves with an occasional sortie into Caribbean football. The absence of one or more of the Big Three has been due to the endless disputes which still plague South American football. Argentina have been reluctant to field a full team when defeat seemed even possible—especially under the old Peron régime.

In 1949 they were put to shame when Uruguay had a strike of professional footballers on their hands but still sent a team to Rio. They were all amateurs, and Brazil beat them 5-1. A year later three of these amateurs—Ghiggia, Perez, and Schiaffino—returned as members of the Uruguayan team which defeated Brazil in the World Cup Final, Schiaffino and Ghiggia scoring the goals. Nothing ventured, nothing gained—and Uruguay themselves failed to compete in 1963.

Paraguay v.:	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.
Argentina	15	0	1	14	15	53
Bolivia	6	6	0	0	27	6
Brazil	15	4	4	7	16	37
Colombia	2	2	0	0	5	0
Chile	13	9	0	4	28	21
Ecuador	6	5	1	0	13	2
Peru	10	4	4	2	18	13
Uruguay	15	4	1	10	25	37
Peru v.:						
Argentina	11	1	1	9	12	29
Bolivia	5	3	0	2	8	3
Brazil	7	1	4	2	8	17
Colombia	3	3	0	0	13	2
Chile	11	4	0	7	20	16
Ecuador	8	7	1	0	22	9
Paraguay	10	2	4	4	13	18
Uruguay	13	3	1	9	18	34
Uruguay v.:						
Argentina	22	9	3	10	24	33
Bolivia	8	7	0	1	36	3
Brazil	16	7	3	6	24	29
Colombia	4	3	0	1	10	1
Chile	21	15	2	4	51	20
Ecuador	9	8	1	0	48	7
Paraguay	15	10	1	4	37	25
Peru	13	10	0	3	34	18

NILTON SANTOS (BRAZIL) AND HAT!

LEADING GOALSCORERS IN THE SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1916–1959

Year	Venue	Player & Country	Goals
*1916	Buenos Aires	I. Gradin (Uruguay)	3
1917	Montevideo	A. Romano (Uruguay)	4
1919	Rio	Neco (Brazil)	4
1920	Valparaiso	J. Perez (Uruguay)	3
1921	Buenos Aires	J. Libonatti (Argentina)	3
1922	Rio	J. Francia (Argentina)	4
1923	Montevideo	P. Petrone (Urug.) & B. Saruppo (Arg.)	3
1924	Montevideo	P. Petrone (Uruguay)	4
1925	Buenos Aires	M. Seoane (Argentina)	6
1926	Santiago	H. Castro & H. Scarone (Uruguay)	6
1927	Lima	†	3
1929	Buenos Aires	A. Gonzales (Paraguay)	5
*1935	Lima	H. Masantonio (Argentina)	4
1937	Buenos Aires	R. Toro (Chile)	7
1939	Lima	L. Fernandez (Peru)	7
*1941	Santiago	J. Marveszy (Argentina)	6
1942	Montevideo	J. M. Moreno (Argentina)	5
*1945	Santiago	N. Mendez (Argentina)	7
*1946	Buenos Aires	J. M. Medina (Uruguay)	7
1947	Guaiquil	N. Mendez (Arg.) & N. Falero (Urug.)	6
1949	Rio	Jair (Brazil)	10
1953	Lima	Molina (Chile)	7
1955	Santiago	‡	6
1957	Lima	H. Maschio (Arg.) & J. Ambrois (Ur.)	9
1959	Buenos Aires	Pelé (Brazil)	8

* Extraordinary competitions, but officially recognised by the Federation. It has never been resolved whether the 1956 competition was Unofficial or Extraordinary: the leading scorer is named as Hormazabal of Chile, with four goals.

† Five players shared top place: Carricaberry and Luna of Argentina; R. Figuero, P. Petrone and H. Scarone of Uruguay.

‡ Three players shared top place: R. Micchelli (Argentina); Hormazabal (Chile); and Gomez Sanchez (Peru).

POSITIONS IN THE SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1916–1959

Year	Arg.	Bol.	Braz.	Chile	Col.	Ecuad.	Parag.	Peru	Urug.
1916	2	–	3	4	–	–	–	–	1
1917	2	–	3	4	–	–	–	–	1
1919	3	–	1	4	–	–	–	–	2
1920	2	–	3	4	–	–	–	–	1
1921	1	–	2	–	–	–	4	–	3
1922	4	–	1	5	–	–	2	–	3
1923	2	–	4	–	–	–	3	–	1
1924	2	–	–	4	–	–	3	–	1
1925	1	–	2	–	–	–	3	–	–
1926	2	5	–	3	–	–	4	–	1
1927	1	4	–	–	–	–	–	3	2
1929	1	–	–	–	–	–	2	4	3
1935	2	–	–	4	–	–	–	3	1
1937	1	–	2	5	–	.	3	6	4
1939	–	–	–	4	–	5	3	1	2
1941	1	–	–	3	–	5	–	4	2
1942	2	–	3	6	–	7	4	5	1
1945	1	6	2	3	5	7	–	–	4
1946	1	6	2	4	–	–	3	–	5
1947	1	7	–	4	8	6	2	5	3
1949	–	4	1	6	8	7	2	3	5
1953	–	6	2	4	–	7	1	5	3
1955	1	–	–	2	–	6	5	3	4
1957	1	–	2	6	5	7	–	3	4
1959	1	7	2	5	–	–	3	4	6
Wins:	12	–	3	–	–	–	1	1	8

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pionship formula in most countries, but more goals against (fifteen) than for (thirteen) away from home is a little suspicious. Enschede and Ajax, on the other hand, have each gained twelve out of a possible eighteen away points. Enschede, with Germany's former World Cup star, Rahn, always to the fore, have scored twenty-three goals in their nine away matches: Ajax go one better.

Feyenoord have lost only one of their nine home matches — but drawn four. They may well regret the loss of those four points but there is still time for them to make up the seven points they lag behind DOS. Recent victories over Ajax (away) and Blauw Wit (home) confirm Feyenoord's excellent European Cup form, but retaining the Netherlands championship now relies as much upon the failures of the clubs above them as upon their own victories.

Much the same applies to Milan in the Italian League where their fellow-townsmen, Inter, are in front with forty points and seven matches to play. Juventus, from whom Milan have just taken a point, are second with thirty-eight points; Bologna, the club with perhaps a bright future, are third with thirty-five points and Milan follow with thirty-four.

Servette of Geneva, this year's Swiss entry, are in the same position (fourth) in the Swiss national league. There are twenty-six matches to be played: Zurich lead with twenty-eight points from seventeen matches; Lausanne have the same number of points but have played one more match; Young Boys trail in third place with twenty-one points from eighteen matches and Servette have twenty points from seventeen matches.

Disappointment

Belgium are in a similar position to the Netherlands, so far as delayed fixtures are concerned, with most clubs having only played eighteen of the thirty matches that make up the season's League fixtures. Anderlecht, trying to throw off the disappointment of their defeats by Dundee, are in front with twenty-five points but Standard (twenty-four points) and Lierse (twenty-three points) continue to press on their heels. In Austria last year's champions (Austria) are being even more closely chased — Admira share first place with Austria, both clubs having twenty-four points, but Austria have played one match fewer. Rapid are third with twenty-three points and WSK fourth with twenty-two.

Finally a quick glance at France where this year's entrants, Reims, are a step further down the ladder than Milan and Servette at the time of writing — in fifth place and six points below the leaders, Monaco, with however a match in hand. Monaco have had previous experience in the European Champions Cup but the three clubs between Monaco and Reims, all with fair chances of winning the title, would all be newcomers to the European competition. They are Bordeaux, Sedan and Lyon.

ALLCHURCH VOTED TOP SPORTSMAN

by H. C. WILLIAMS

IN the course of a month Welsh International Soccer teams won two and drew one out of three matches played, with ten goals against three, thus regaining some of their lost prestige. Contrary as it may seem the best Welsh performance came in their draw against Hungary in the second leg of the European Nations Cup at Cardiff when the magic of the Magyars took on a rather tarnished look.

In the first half Wales put on a brilliant display and dominated the game. They attacked the Hungarian goal throughout the forty-five minutes and it was only the acrobatic display of goalkeeper Antal Szentmihaly that saved Hungary from being two or three goals down. In direct attempts at goal I made Wales well ahead in the first half with ten shots to two by the Hungarians, with corner kicks even at three all.

Conceded

On the resumption Wales fell away slightly, but their defence held up well, though with some unnecessary foul tackles, until a penalty was conceded. The Magyars made it 1-1 all, and since Wales trailed 3-1 after the first leg in Budapest, the final aggregate was 4-2 in favour of Hungary.

The F.A. of Wales can be well pleased, however, with the possibilities for the next two or three years, and can build a good team around Hollins, the goalkeeper and the half-back line of Hennessey, England and Burton, who are all quite young. Ivor Allchurch on his performance must still be the best inside-forward Wales can field for some time to come. The greatest need is for a goal-scoring centre-forward.

Recently, Ivor Allchurch was honoured as the Sportsman of the Year in Wales, a just award for a great player with fifty-four International Caps to date.

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for the rest of the matches in the course of that first match), and drawing four-all with the Soviet Union, before collapsing against the Yugoslavs.

In the South American Championship matches, Colombia still had Jaime Gonzalez, Serrano, Alzate, Lopez, Aceros, Coll, Hector Gonzalez, Gamboa and Silva of the World Cup players — and Arango, a highly-rated player who had missed the Chile matches. Yet a draw against Peru was the only hint of success that came Colombia's way in La Paz or Cochabamba.

Finally, back to the Bolivian winners. Perhaps, as one of my friends has it, they are "a hard playing team with little football but very big lungs", but from their opening hard-fought four-all draw with Ecuador to their final exciting odd-goal in nine win over Brazil, they have played with the idea of *winning* and that they scored four more goals than the next best-scorers (Argentina) emphasises the positive nature of their play. In that opening match, goals by Lopez and Castillo took them to a two-goal lead after half-an-hour's play, but then Ecuador came strongly into the game with Raffo and Raimondi equalising before the interval, and Gando and Bolanos putting them comfortably ahead in the first ten minutes of the second half. Not until twenty minutes from the end did Alcocer reduce the arrears for Bolivia, not until seven minutes from the end did Camacho score their equaliser. It was the only point Bolivia were to drop, and Camacho, a wandering half-back, was to pop in another valuable goal — in the last match against Brazil.

Wolves to play Bangu in Canada

WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers will play two games against Bangu of Brazil in Wolves' tour of North America this summer (writes JEFF CROSS).

Officials of the Canadian Soccer Football Association announced the games recently.

Wolves will meet the teams from Rio de Janeiro at Vancouver's spacious Empire Stadium on Saturday night, June 15. The other meeting will be in Toronto the following Saturday. A third game between the two clubs is also a possibility, although details are still being worked out.

Originally it had been planned for Wolves to meet Italy's Juventus to what the Canadians call their annual "dream game". But negotiations fell through after it was announced that the Italian team would instead be making a European tour with a visit to Moscow on the itinerary.

CSFA officials said that Wolverhampton would open its tour of North America in Toronto on May 19. Working their way across the continent, the Wolves so far, have scheduled games in San Francisco on June 9 and in Edmonton, Alberta, on June 12 before heading for Vancouver.

Following the game with Bangu in Vancouver, Wolverhampton will meet the Victoria "all-stars" in the British Columbia capital on Monday, June 17, then return to Vancouver to meet the tough Vancouver "all-stars" on Wednesday, June 19, before heading back east for their date with Bangu in Toronto.

Last year, the visiting teams, following the same trail, were Sheffield United and Eintracht Frankfurt. Sheffield easily defeated Frankfurt at Empire Stadium, but were held to a 2-2 tie by the local Vancouver team.

Bangu are no strangers to North America, having twice taken part in the International Soccer League tournament in New York. The Brazilians won the first ISL tourney in 1960, defeating Kilmarnock 2-0 in the final. In 1961, Bangu finished second to Everton in the first half of the New York competition.

AROUND THE WORLD STORIES

UNHAPPILY NAPOLI!

URUGUAY
Returned to capital

FORMER Benfica boss Bela Guttmann has returned to Montevideo for a second spell with Penarol, champions of South America in 1960 and 1961. He left Uruguay nine months ago insisting that it was impossible to work with Penarol in view of the directors' interference. Guttmann will be the Technical Director with former Penarol, Milan and Rome star Juan Schiaffino as trainer.

With Penarol champions five times in a row, neighbours Nacional are making a big bid this season. Their new boss is Zeze Moreira (brother of Brazil's Aimore), who will be paid £350 a week, plus a house and chauffeur driven car.

ITALY
Bribing for promotion

NAPOLI AC have experienced almost everything the game has to offer in the last twelve months. Promotion to Division I, and Cup winners; and later cleared of "bribing for promotion" charges. Quarter finalists in Cup winners Cup, four players suspended for taking drugs (Pontel, Molino, Rivellino, and Tomeazzi), and following the riot staged when a penalty was awarded to visiting Modena manager Bruno Pesaola and the club masseur were suspended for a month and their Fuorigrotta stadium closed till December 31. On top of all that, they only just escaped relegation!

There will be no auction for Italy's most sought after star, Mantova centre-forward Sormani. Roma, Inter, Milan and Juventus got together and agreed on a ceiling — £300,000. It's unlikely to be kept, however, for the 1963-64 rules on foreigners have been tightened. Players already in Italy are excluded, but in future any club can acquire two foreigners, after paying a special tax to the F.A. (£1,200 per man), but for each new foreigner signed the club must release two foreigners now on their books!

Internazionale are the new champions, despite Juventus dropping out of the F.A. Cup at the quarter final stage. The Cup still fails to interest the clubs or the public and two second division teams are in the last four — Verona, Bari Torino and Atalanta.

SPAIN
Trouble with ground

ATLETICO Madrid have found themselves in trouble following the bad winter. Building a new stadium "Manzanares" with room for 110,000 fans, they sold the old Estadio Metroplitano which is to be torn down, and replaced by blocks of flats. Unfortunately, their new home will not now be ready until December, but the Metroplitano buyers insisted on moving in at the end of July. Neighbours Real saved a tricky situation — offering to allow Atletico to share their Chamartin ground until Christmas.

Cesare Rodriguez still said to be CFB's best ever centre-forward will be the new Barcelona trainer next season, their eighth boss in three years, since Helenio Herrera was sacked. The others — H. H. Rabassa, Brocic, Orizaola, Luis Miro, Kubala, Gonzalvo. During the last two years Cesare has been with successful Zaragoza, who demanded a transfer fee from CFB, claiming they had Cesare under contract for next season. The F.A. ruled that the 'contract' was a private arrangement between President and trainer — and invalid!

Jorge Griffa, Atletico Madrid's Argentinian centre-half, recently spent an unpleasant night in a Bilbao gaol. After playing against Bilbao, Griffa was arrested on the orders of the Mayor (who was in the stand) . . . for insulting the referee.

BELGIUM
Fallen out of race

RSC Anderlecht, reigning champions and victors of Real Madrid in the European Cup, have fallen out of the championship race. Since being beaten by Dundee they have slipped up badly, and Standard (Liege) now lead the way six points ahead. Anderlecht blame former Hungarian goalkeeper star Arpad Fazekas for Dundee's win, and have put him on the transfer list!

Quite a few of the First Division clubs are deep in the red. Eendracht Alost directors called all their players to a meeting to announce 20 per cent cuts in salaries and bonuses for the rest of the season, and so many clubs are owing money that the F.A. has ruled pay up by the end of the season. Then they intend to publish a list of clubs still in debt. The big problems have come from buying players on the never-never for the bad winter caused all football to be cancelled for eleven weeks on the run, and without any income payments fell behind. Inevitably the clubs owed money were equally badly off, and complained to the F.A.

Where captains—and others—meet: Sporting Club of Portugal (striped shirts) and Desportivo of Ferroviaria are the clubs concerned in this Portuguese match. (Santos.)

HUNGARY

Rebuilding

AFTER starting the season as likely champions the rebuilt Honved side has slipped up, and their fans are mystified by a quarrel between former centre-half Gyula Lorant (now the boss) and the league's top scorer Lajos Tichy. Still keeping his place in the national team, Tichy tops the scorers with fifteen goals, but has been dropped. Called to a training game for "Hungary" he hammered in five goals, but Lorant, unimpressed, still left him out.

Lorant's old boss, Gustav Sebes, in disgrace since the 1954 World Cup Final defeat, and occupying a series of minor posts in the last nine years, has been offered a plum job. The Turkish F.A. asked the authorities in Budapest to let him rebuild their national team for the next World Cup. Another top coach looking for a job is Geza Kalocsai — the man that took Standard Liege into the top bracket of European football.

After a 4-0 win counting in the 1964 Olympic soccer competition, the Hungarians have virtually eliminated Sweden. For the first time, a Nep stadion game kicked off at 11 a.m. so that TV would not interfere with club games staged in the afternoon!

BRAZIL

Another Pelé

BRAZIL'S disastrous showing in Europe caused quite a stir in Rio where one newspaper demanded "Bring them back — cancel the Tour". The CBD, however, were not induly surprised, and neither should anyone else have been, for just a few days before the party set out they lost 3-2 to Argentina in the Copa Rocca. The second leg went to Brazil 5-2 (Pelé 3, Amarildo 2) before 150,000 at Maracana (Rio) but it was clear that without Pelé they would have lost again. One bright new star is Corinthians' eighteen-year-old centre-forward Nei, nicknamed Pelezinho (little Pelé) by the fans.

In the Final of the Copa do Brasil, Santos beat Botafogo 3-4, 3-1 and 5-0, and Botafogo manager Maurinho resigned! For the new campaign his place will be taken by Danilio (Brazil 1950) who led the Bolivian team that recently won the South American championship (by consent) for the first time.

A few days later Botafogo right-back Ivan de Freitas (Ivan) was killed in a car crash.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Boss under fire

NATIONAL team boss Rudolf Vytlacil is now under fire following the dismal showing of the Czech team in recent matches. Out of the Nations Cup 1-2 and 1-1 to East Germany; beaten 3-1 in Vienna, and then losing 1-0 to Bulgaria it is expected that Vytlacil will resign. He has a bad heart anyway and defeat against England could end his career, but the problem is "who will replace him?".

After losing to Benfica in the European Cup, Dukla have made a league come-back despite the stars Pluskal and Masopust being out of form, and once more top the table ahead of Banik Ostrava. Slovnaft (Bratislava) atoned somewhat for the Army team's failure by winning the Final of the 1962 Rappan (Toto) Cup—beating Padova (Italy) 1-0. Chile inside-right Adolf Scherer got the goal from a penalty.

CHILEAN STAR HALF

Carlos Contreras the Chilean international right-half made several appearances for his country in the recent World Cup series. (O.)

ARGENTINA

Unfashionable

BOCA Juniors, 1962 champions who have spent a fortune on new stars (to beat Santos in the South American Clubs Cup) almost went out in the first round. Losing 1-0 away to Olimpia (Paraguay) they finally got through against unfashionable opponents by winning 5-3 at home!

River Plate, Boca's keenest rivals, made a big scoop by signing Chile's World Cup star Eladio Rojas. Figuring at left-half, Rojas's power shooting brought goals for Chile that put Russia and Yugoslavia out of the World Cup last year, and River got him for £11,000. Last year Real Zaragoza were interested but declined to pay a transfer fee and give Rojas the £17,000 he demanded.

New Footballer of the Year is Jose Varacka, thirty years old, captain and left-half of River Plate F.C., who are emulating Boca and seeking an all star team. Top name on their wanted list is Uruguayan winger Cubilla now with Barcelona who will apparently be available in July.

HOLLAND

Sparta on top

AFTER several quiet seasons, since parting with Johnny Crossan, Sparta AC (Rotterdam) seem likely to win the championship again. Their team this time is all home made with inside-left Bodnar topping the Dutch scorers with seventeen goals. Germany's Helmut Rahn rates second place with ten goals while the top Feijenoord goalgetter is Bennaars with eight. In second place are DOS Utrecht, unknown in the hierarchy of Continental football save for a brief appearance in the Fairs Cup, and unless Feijenoord come back with a late bid, Sparta look likely champions. Their English manager Denis Neville will then be tempted to stay on for the Europa Cup bid, an even bigger draw than a return to English football.

Dutch fans are overjoyed with this season's successes — Feijenoord in the semi-final of the European Cup, and an unexpected good run by the national team, 1-1 v. Switzerland, 1-0 v. France and 1-0 v. Brazil. As a result, gates everywhere are up and now on a par with the Italian First Division attendances.

EAST GERMANY

Champions known

THE new champions are Motor Jena, Cup winners two years ago, and eligible for the European Cup for the first time. Cup-winners are Motor Zwickau who beat Chemie Zietz 3-0 in the final.

With slender resources National coach Karoly Soos (from Hungary) has done a remarkable job, largely because of his policy of keeping a youngish team together. Most of the current side are in the early twenties yet have around twenty caps each. Star of the team is centre-forward Peter Ducke, who gets most of the goals and he is also the top league scorer (for the champions).

PORTUGAL

Riera takes position

FERNANDO Riera has achieved the first leg of his terrible treble — League, Cup and Europa Cup. Winning the championship from Porto, the Benfica players collected an extra £350 bonus, but Riera is still unpopular. In the autumn he declined to take over the National team — but has now accepted the job of looking after the F.I.F.A. team due to meet England in October.

Benfica will sign yet another Mozambique-born star at the season's end, nineteen-years-old centre-forward Jose Maria, who has played this season for Vitoria Setubal Players from Africa, largely Mozambique and Angola, are practically dominating Portuguese football now. Among the top clubs, Benfica, Porto, Sporting and Belenenses, there are sixteen from Mozambique and thirteen more from Angola!

GIBRALTAR

FOLLOWING a late kick-off to the season owing to domestic troubles and the "monsoon-type" weather, the Gibraltar F.A. management are beginning to make headway in their well-founded hopes of a return to the success of the previous era. In an effort to stimulate more interest amongst followers of the sport, three members of the F.A. appeared recently on the local television network. They were Mr. Segui, the President, and two former stars, Jaime Ramirez and Victor Byrne, captain of that memorable team. As to whether their discussion and plea will have any effect remains to be seen.

Many problems and hopes may be answered by May 29 when Leicester City make another visit following last year's triumph of 5-0 over the local amateurs. Already this year two Swedish teams, Djurgaarden and Orgryte Def., have left victorious by 5-3 and 5-0 respectively. Early in May the West German club, Furth-Bavaria will also be encountered. However, the results are at the moment of only secondary importance to that of gaining experience against professional sides and returning to the force they once were.

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WITH a total of thirty regular-season matches and three play-offs set for New York's Randalls Island Stadium, the International Soccer League goes into its 1963 season, its fourth, with an expanded schedule of forty-six games, it was announced recently. Thirteen games, including one play-off, will be held in three other cities — Chicago (nine), Detroit (two) and Chicopee, Mass. (two).

Fourteen top professional teams from Europe and South America will compete in two seven-team sections. A fifteenth club, Dukla of Czechoslovakia, two-time winner of the ISL's American Challenge Cup, will return at the close of the season to defend the Cup against the '63 league champion, on August 7 in Chicago and August 11 in New York.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

Key innovations in the schedule this year are: (1) Out-of-town openers for both sections; (2) Wednesday night doubleheaders at Randalls Island in addition to the regular Sunday afternoon twinbills; (3) Holiday doubleheaders highlighting the start of play in New York of each section; and (4) co-sponsorship of a regularly-scheduled twinbill (June 9) by the New York Junior Chamber of Commerce and the ISL.

Section One begins Wednesday, May 29, with a single night game at Chicago's Soldier's Field. The following afternoon, Decoration Day, action switches to New York with a doubleheader. Section One closes Wednesday, June 26, in New York.

Section Two follows a similar pattern; beginning Wednesday, July 3, in Chicago, opening in New York the next day, July 4, and closing here on July 28.

Challenge

League play-offs (two games, total goals between section winners) will be held in New York, July 31 and August 4. The winner then meets Dukla for the Challenge Cup.

Starting times for Sunday and holiday doubleheaders at Randalls Island will be 2.15 p.m. Wednesday night twinbills will begin at 7.30 p.m. The first night date at Randalls Island, made possible by a new $250,000 lighting system being put in by the Parks Department, will be Wednesday, June 5.

In all, the '63 schedule lists nineteen dates in New York (fourteen doubleheaders, three finals, one single game July 7 and a split-date June 2 with the American Soccer League). One of the ISL twinbills (Sunday, June 9) will be Jaycee Day and will be a joint promotional effort by the Young Men's Board of Trade (New York chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce) and the ISL. This marks the local Jaycees' first venture into sports to support its many worthwhile charitable projects.

Tickets this season will be available at the offices of the New York Soccer Club, 44 West 44th Street, and at nine American Express Travel Agency offices — five in Manhatten, one in Brooklyn, two in New Jersey and one in Hartford, Conn. Prices for regular season games will be $3.25 general admission, $4.25 reserved seats and $5.25 box seats. For the play-offs, prices will be $4.00, $5.00 and $6.00.

Competing in Section One will be Recife of Brazil, West Ham United of England, Mantova of Italy, P.A.O.K. of Greece, Kilmarnock of Scotland, Preussen Munster of West Germany and Oro of Mexico. In Section Two will be the Wiener S.C. of Austria, Ujpest of Hungary, Belenenses of Portugal, Real Valladolid of Spain, Gornik of Poland, Halsingborgs I.F. of Sweden and Dinamo of Yugoslavia.

Though only seven ISL doubleheaders will be held at Randalls Island during Section One, eight are listed on the attached schedule. One of them, Sunday, June 2, is a split date with the American Soccer League. Its Select (all-star) team will play Wolverhampton of England in an exhibition game at 2.15 p.m. The second game at 4 p.m. will be a regularly-scheduled ISL game between P.A.O.K. of Greece and Oro of Mexico.

SECTION ONE MATCHES AT RANDALLS ISLAND, NEW YORK

Thursday, May 30:
2.15 p.m. Kilmarnock (Scotland) v. West Ham United (England).
4.00 p.m. Mantova (Italy) v. P.A.O.K. (Greece).

Sunday, June 2:
2.15 p.m. Wolverhampton (England) v. A.S.L. Select.
4.00 p.m. P.A.O.K. (Greece) v. Oro (Mexico).

Wednesday, June 5:
7.30 p.m. Kilmarnock (Scotland) v. Oro (Mexico).
9.15 p.m. Recife (Brazil) v. P. Munster (Germany).

Sunday, June 9:
2.15 p.m. Mantova (Italy) v. Oro (Mexico).
4.00 p.m. P. Munster (Germany) v. P.A.O.K. (Greece).

Wednesday, June 12:
7.30 p.m. West Ham United (England) v. Oro (Mexico).
9.15 p.m. Recife (Brazil) v. Mantova (Italy).

Wednesday, June 19:
7.30 p.m. Recife (Brazil) v. P.A.O.K. (Greece).
9.15 p.m. Kilmarnock (Scotland) v. Mantova (Italy).

Sunday, June 23:
2.15 p.m. West Ham United (England) v. P.A.O.K. (Greece).
4.00 p.m. Recife (Brazil) v. Kilmarnock (Scotland).

Wednesday, June 26:
7.30 p.m. P. Munster (Germany) v. Mantova (Italy).
9.15 p.m. Recife (Brazil) v. West Ham United (England).

Section One Matches Outside of New York

Wednesday, May 29:
Chicago, Soldier's Field: 8 p.m., Recife (Brazil) v. Oro (Mexico).

Sunday, June 2:
Chicopee, Mass., Szot Park: 3 p.m., Kilmarnock (Scotland) v. P. Munster (Germany).

Wednesday, June 5:
Chicago, Soldier's Field: 8 p.m., West Ham United (England) v. Mantova (Italy).

Wednesday, June 12:
Chicago, Soldier's Field: 8 p.m., P.A.O.K. (Greece) v. Kilmarnock (Scotland).

Sunday, June 16:
Detroit, University Stadium: 7.30 p.m., P. Munster (Germany) v. West Ham United (England).

Wednesday, June 19:
Chicago, Soldier's Field: 8 p.m., P. Munster (Germany) v. Oro (Mexico).

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